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Buckingham arrested in Colorado

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Edward T. Buckingham, a former CNMI attorney general who has been declared a fugitive, was arrested in Colorado, according to Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback yesterday.

Hasselback told *Saipan Tribune* that the Lakewood Police Department informed him at 4pm yesterday that they have taken Buckingham into custody.

"He is currently in the custody of the Jefferson County, Colorado. He is in the county jail," Hasselback said.

The OPA counsel said that Buckingham will be brought before a judge in Jefferson County Court for his initial hearing today, Friday, at 10am.

Hasselback said the Lakewood Police executed the arrest warrant issued by Superior Court Associate Judge Da-

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Fitial said recovering from surgery in Manila

» Republican Party yet to decide whether to replace ex-governor as chairman

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Former governor Benigno R. Fitial is currently recuperating from gall bladder surgery at St. Luke's Medical Center-Global City in Metro Manila, Philippines a few days ago, multiple sources confirmed with *Saipan Tribune*.

His supporters and fellow Republican Party

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THURSDAY MARKET
Robert Bulong, a landscaper, waits for customers by the Wireless Ridge Landscaping's booth that sells orchids, at the Thursday Night Market at the Garapan Fishing Base yesterday. This market has become a popular tourist and resident attraction every week, showcasing local arts, crafts, foods and live entertainment.
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NMC survey cites 'unequal treatment'

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A new survey among the non-instructional staff of the Northern Marianas College has brought to light dissatisfaction in the workplace, with many respondents citing "unequal" treatment.

The respondents' comments in the 2013 Staff Climate Survey stated that there is no equal application of policies and procedures when it comes to compensation. For instance, instructional faculty reportedly get paid for extra courses they teach while staff are asked to teach courses for free on top of their regular responsibilities.

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Bunao tops pie eating competition at 'Taste'

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Lemuel Bunao, center, won first place in the Pie Eating Competition at Taste of the Marianas at American Memorial Park, Saipan, on May 11, 2013. Pictured from left are Jesse Boy San Nicholas, third place; Bunao; and Simon Jed Necesito, second place.

Lemuel Bunao of Saipan bested 13 other competitions to win the Pie Eating Competition on Saturday, May 11, at the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden at American Memorial Park.

Bunao walked away $50 richer for his efforts, followed by Simon Jed Necesito of Saipan in second place and Jesse Boy San Nicolas of Saipan in third place.

The excitement continues tomorrow, May 18, with the NMI Bartenders Cocktail Competition, dubbed "Bacardi Superior Mojito Cocktail Challenge," which kicks off at 6:30pm.

According to NMI Bartenders Association's Lito "William" Espino, a total of nine bartenders have signed up for the contest.

The champion bartender takes home a championship trophy, a cell phone, $150 in cash, and a gift. The runner-up gets a trophy, $75, and a gift, while third place receives a trophy and a gift. A best in show, best in taste, and best in props and costume will also be hailed. All participants will be awarded certificates of participation.

Last year's crown went to Ronnie Guevarra of Coral Ocean Point Resort.

Tomorrow's live entertainment will feature the Maluw Band, which kicks off at 6pm, followed by Koblerville Umang at 7pm and Anna Glushko Academy at 7:30pm. Atakak Crew takes the stage at 8:30pm, followed by Cab Dancers at 9pm and Tattoo closing out the night at 9:30pm.

"Taste of the Marianas is the perfect place to pick up an affordable, delicious dinner on Saturday night," said Marianas Visitors Authority community projects manager Martin Duenas. "The annual NMI Bartenders Cocktail Competition is always very popular and should draw a big crowd this weekend as well."

The Taste of the Marianas is held every Saturday evening in May as part of the monthlong celebration of Tourism Month. ***(MVA and Saipan Tribune)***

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The community will be treated tonight to a special musical extravaganza featuring the rising performing stars of the Public School System.

This is the 1st Annual Spring Music Festival of PSS, a free and open-to-the-public event.

The three-hour festival will begin at 6pm and will be staged at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

"Everyone is invited tonight to join our students as they share their winning and favorite performances in a choir, band and orchestra," said Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

Taking center stage tonight are the award-winning Manta Ray Concert Band of Saipan Southern High School, the Umang Glee Club of Koblerville Elementary School, the Chorale, Rhythm and Harmony Glee Club of Marianas High School. These performers are winners of this year's Tumon Bay Music Festival, among other accolades that these groups continue to reap in the last four years.

These performers have also been invited to perform in several off-island events, including the Beijing and London Olympics for the Manta Ray Band, Guam's Tumon Bay Music Festival, among others.

Adding flare and fun to tonight's spectacle is the 2013 CNMI Rotary Club's Parade of Books winners, Oleai Elementary School, who will be rolling out a special musical presentation.

The community will also witness first-hand the winning performances of MHS' Concert and Dolphin Prep Bands and its Chamorro Club.

In the last four years, these bands have competed and won in various off-island musical festivals. Tonight's performance will bring together the best musical performers of the school district under one venue. ***(PSS)***

Call-A-Ride resumes on May 29

After months of suspension, Call-A-Ride will resume on May 29 its Saipan public transportation services for individuals with disabilities and the elderly or those at least 55 years old, Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority administrator Thomas J. Camacho said yesterday.

The Saipan Call-A-Ride service resumes operations under COTA's Para-Transit System.

"We are fortunate to have two WIA [Workforce Investment Agency] interns undergoing transit driver training—everything from operating the vans to assisting passengers," Camacho said yesterday.

This service is funded by a $1.114 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

Camacho said because of a lot of inquiries and requests they have received about Saipan Call-A-Ride, COTA will be temporarily providing the specialized transportation services.

"Based on data, we have about 70 individual customers every day. We will be issuing a request for proposal or an invitation to bid, to privatize the service later on," he added. This is a curb-to-curb or house-to-house service.

Saipan Call-A-Ride's schedule of operation will be from Monday through Friday from 6am to 9pm, and on Saturdays, from 8am to 5pm. There will be no service on Sundays and holidays.

Camacho urges customers to make a reservation for transportation service up to seven days in advance. The dedication reservation number is 664-2276 from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

COTA said the fare is $3 per trip or segment for eligible riders, and $5 for their companion.

Other fare schedules are as follows: No-show is $5; personal attendant, children under the age of 5 and service animals/pets, rides are free.

COTA will also provide the same service on Rota and Tinian. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Some respondent also described their work environment as "stressful" due to the additional work they are asked to perform while seeing the lack of support from superiors or the management.

The Staff Climate Survey, which was conducted from April 23-30, 2013, had a 61-percent response rate. The survey forms were circulated to all 71 college staffers; 42 forms were returned. The results were disseminated yesterday to all college employees.

The 20-page survey form contained 78 questions about a host of issues that included contract and salaries, work atmosphere and relationship, promotions and job security, job expectations and commitment, among other questions.

The objective of the survey is "to assist in meeting the needs of our NMC staff by providing information to guide the NMC leadership to help improve the quality of the workplace environment." This survey is conducted every year but last year's results were never disclosed.

A large number of respondents also cited the management's lack of action on their requests to revise the two-year employment contract to ensure job security. Salaries and benefits, they said, have never been updated for the longest time, prompting the departure of many good employees.

Without citing specifics, the staff also called on the management to stop travels and improper pay for favored employees, which they described as total discrimination. Some respondents complained that while salary increases are provided to some management members, the staff population itself is being reduced.

Also included in the survey comments is the respondents' lack of confidence in both the Board of Regents and the president.

Results of the 2012 Staff Climate Survey also indicated similar concerns on issues about frozen salaries and inequitable pay, revision of HR policies, under-appreciation for staff, "excessive" travels, lack of priority on programs such as technology, and the dire need for transparency and fairness, among others.

Improvement

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that NMC conducts these kinds of surveys to seek continuous improvement in many areas, including measuring the quality of workplace environment for staff and faculty.

"And, as the college continues to operate in a model of continuous improvement, input gathered—especially via this survey—is important to help us gauge where we are in addressing the full work environment," said Hart, adding that "the information gathered helps the college to address issues that are of major concern to the support staff."

"At the same time, it also shows us what we are doing well," she said.

Hart assured that the management team will work with the staff to analyze the survey results and seek recommendations to address some of the issues raised.

When asked for comment yesterday, former NMC Staff Senate president Marie Coleman expressed hope that the management would value the survey results.

"We hope that the [survey] would be used as a tool to assist in meeting the needs of our NMC staff by providing information to guide the NMC leadership to help improve the quality of the workplace environment. Many successful organizations and other fully accredited colleges and universities use and value employee climate surveys because they enable the organization to operate more efficiently and effectively by using employee input and satisfaction ratings," said Coleman, who resigned on May 10.

New Staff Senate president Dan Kintol said they will take a look at the results so they can work with the management to address the concerns raised by the staff.

"We want NMC to continue to be a great place to work for all employees, and this survey helps us identify those areas that need to be improved," added Kintol.

The NMC Senate Faculty recently conducted its own climate survey and the results indicate that 77 percent of the 26 responding faculty feel that college policies and procedures are not being followed fairly and uniformly, with 81 percent feeling the entire college does not have adequate input in the budgeting process.

Additionally, 69 percent responded that Hart has not demonstrated the ability to successfully obtain re-accreditation, while 62 percent feel the president does not demonstrate commitment to the college and the community.

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members said yesterday this major operation is reason enough for the former governor to remain in his wife's hometown until he fully recovers.

"He lost weight and is on a wheelchair," one of those who personally talked to the former governor in Manila said in an interview, but requested that his/her name be withheld from publication.

Fitial is facing seven charges filed by the Office of the Public Auditor for his role in an alleged conspiracy to shield former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served a penal summons in August 2012.

Fitial, who stepped down on Feb. 20, 2013, is the first CNMI governor to resign, doing so just days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

Fitial left the CNMI in the early morning of Feb. 21 and has not returned since.

There is no telling whether Fitial would come back to the CNMI anytime soon.

"He should come back to answer the charges because by not doing so creates more problem," said one of his fellow Republican Party members.

OPA counsel George L. Hasselback earlier said there has been no communication from Fitial or anyone acting on his behalf about any plans to return to the CNMI.

Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), when asked for comment, said medical or health reason is known to be a legitimate reason that the judicial system considers in granting temporary relief.

"It would be up to the court what to do if and when they receive a formal communication about medical treatment or any health related issue," said Sablan, chairman of the House Special Committee on Impeachment that recommended Fitial's impeachment.

The penal summons on Fitial remains unserved, said OPA's Hasselback, who is now asking the court to quash the penal summons and re-issue a previously signed arrest warrant for Fitial's arrest so that the prosecution of the case may proceed.

While Fitial's return to the CNMI remains uncertain, his former attorney general turned fugitive from justice Edward Buckingham could soon be brought to the CNMI to face the charges against him.

Buckingham was arrested yesterday in Colorado and will be brought before a judge in Jefferson County Court for an initial hearing this morning Saipan time.

The former AG's arrest comes three months after Gov. Eloy S. Inos wrote a letter to Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad asking for his help in extraditing Buckingham to face multiple felony and misdemeanor charges that OPA Auditor filed against him.

Republican Party

Fitial is also chairman of the Republican Party of the NMI Association. As of yesterday, the political party has yet to schedule a meeting to decide whether to reorganize and replace Fitial as head.

"Most members in the central committee precinct level want him to resign or be replaced for two main reasons—his health and the results of the last election. Also, the relationship with the Republican National Committee could be negatively affected if we don't reorganize and communicate our plans," one of the Republican Party members said.

Another GOP official, treasurer Ray Salas, confirmed that the party has not had any meeting since Fitial left the CNMI.

Salas said the party may hold a meeting this month to elect new officers.

Other party members said with the general elections set for 2014, the Republican Party should start planning about their gubernatorial and other candidates. Some names have been floated but because the party has yet to decide on its own leadership, none of the names is guaranteed for consideration.

BUCKINGHAM

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vid A. Wiseman.

Buckingham's arrest is the first step in the extradition process but Hasselback said he has no idea as to when Buckingham will be finally transferred to the CNMI.

"He's taken into custody now. We begin the process of extradition," the OPA counsel said.

Hasselback said the only information he has is what the Colorado police gave him.

OPA filed criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with an alleged violation of election laws and illegal award of a sole-source contract, among others.

His arrest comes more than nine months after he and his wife left Saipan on a 6am Delta Air Lines flight to Narita, Japan on Aug. 4, 2012.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent managed to serve Buckingham with a penal summons at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport shortly before his departure.

After Buckingham failed to appear in court in response to the summons, Wiseman issued an order on Sept. 11, 2012, declaring him a fugitive.

On Monday, attorney Robert T. Torres informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that Buckingham was served at his residence in Colorado with a summons and complaint filed by a former government lawyer for the Commonwealth.

Torres, counsel for James W. Taylor, filed in federal court Taylor's proof of service of the summons and complaint.

Torres disclosed that a Colorado-based process server delivered the summons and complaint at Buckingham's residence in Lakewood, Colorado last May 1.

"It was received by [Buckingham's] wife. He has been served," Torres told *Saipan Tribune*.

Taylor filed last month the age discrimination lawsuit against Buckingham and the Office of the Attorney General and 10 unnamed co-defendants.

$1M lawsuit vs 2 contractors of Saipan airport project

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority has filed a $1-million lawsuit against two contractors for their work at the Saipan International Airport that were later allegedly found non-compliant with typhoon and earthquake standards.

CPA is suing the Texas-based Leo A. Daly Co. and the CNMI-based GPPC Inc. for breach of contract, violation of the Consumer Protection Act, and violations of the CNMI Building Safety Code. CPA is also suing Leo Daly for professional malpractice, negligence, and fraud.

CPA is demanding $1 million-plus in damages, court costs, interest, and attorney's fees.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to obtain comments from the two companies yesterday.

The complaint was filed in court by CPA counsels Matthew T. Gregory and William R. Satterberg Jr.

The project involved the construction of a west addition for the Saipan International Airport to give it added terminal space and for other security improvements.

The contract was won by Boeing Service Co., which subcontracted the work to Leo Daly and GPPC, among others.

After completion of Leo Daly's services under the contract, Gregory and Satterberg said the west addition began to experience roof cracking and other failures. It was allegedly discovered that the design engineering and construction of the west addition did not comply with the CNMI Building Safety Code or with industry standards.

"Additional inquiry found many structural deficiencies in the design, engineering, and construction of the facility, including not only noncompliance with seismic and wind loading requirements, but also substantial building settlement, failure to conduct proper foundation studies, and failure to conduct core drilling," the lawyers said.

Subsequent evaluations determined that the terminal did not comply with typhoon or earthquake protection standards applicable to Saipan, nor did workmanlike construction exist in the foundation and floors, they said.

The design and engineering by Leo Daly further contained several column-reinforcing errors, the lawyers said, that affect the structural integrity of the building.

"These structural deficiencies will require major structural reengineering and retrofitting, if not a complete tear down," Gregory and Satterberg said.

On Oct. 3, 2011, the lawyers said that CPA was notified by Leo Daly that problems likely existed in the design and engineering of the west addition.

The lawyers said GPPC had a duty to inform Leo Daly and/or Boeing of the defective design and engineering of the structure prior to commencing the affected work.

CPA filed a separate $1-million lawsuit against Leo Daly in February 2012 for the allegedly faulty construction of the Tinian airport's departure terminal. The case is pending in federal court.

The CNMI government also sued Leo Daly in 2009 over the alleged defective building plan of the dialysis center of the Commonwealth Health Center. Leo Daly reportedly settled that $10 million lawsuit for $2 million, with no admission of liability on its side.

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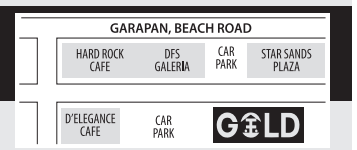

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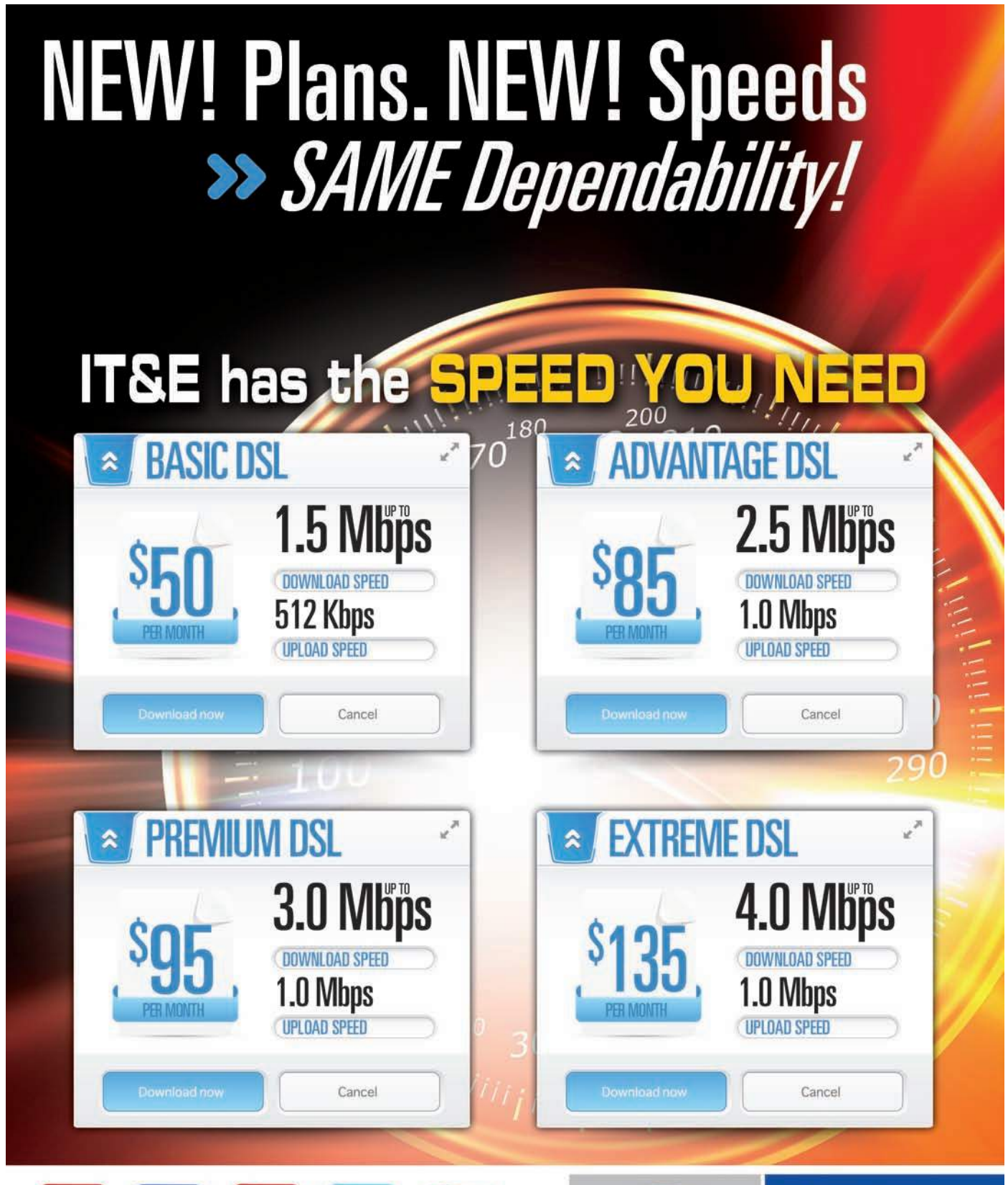

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Fund wants Bellas to return $12K overpayment

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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund is suing former judge Timothy H. Bellas for allegedly refusing to return $12,148.67 in overpayment that was mistakenly paid him.

The Fund, through counsel Braddock J. Huesman, sued Bellas for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and conversion.

The Fund wants Bellas to return the amount plus interest, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

Saipan Tribune contacted Bellas yesterday for comment but there was no reply as of press time.

Bellas is handling the Fund's lawsuit against former governor Benigno R. Fitial and the CNMI government as all Superior Court judges have recused from the case.

In the Fund's lawsuit filed Sunday, Huesman said that Bellas had applied for a refund of his contributions and that the Fund paid him an amount that mistakenly included an excessive rate of interest.

Huesman said that an audit uncovered the overpayment of the refund to Bellas and the Fund asked the former judge to return the excess refund, amounting to $12,148.67.

Huesman said that Bellas denied and rejected the Fund's claim, asserting that an estoppel arose because of Bellas' "detrimental reliance" on the Fund's mistaken calculations and that "we both have to live with that agreement" because an "accord and satisfaction" exists.

The Fund made a final demand on Bellas in February to return the amount on or before March 8, 2013.

As of May 10, 2013, the lawyer said, Bellas continues to refuse to pay or return the excess refund.

Huesman said Bellas is liable to the Fund for breach of a buyback agreement with the Fund and his receipt of an excess of interest income paid by mistake to him from the Fund.

Shirley's Coffee Shop marks 20-year milestone with 2 unique promotions

ADVERTISING Feature

Shirley's Coffee Shop is celebrating 20 years of satisfying the Marianas' craving for Chamorro, Filipino, and American food with the launch of two promotions highlighting how the restaurant has become a part of island life.

The "Insta Love" and "Share your Favorite Shirley's Memory" promotions are included in Shirley's yearlong celebration dubbed TWENTY and the event logo appears across banners, posters, ads, and in the social media scene.

"There is always a reason to celebrate, and we at Shirley's are truly grateful that the people of Saipan has for 20 years chosen to celebrate their life's milestones and everyday moments with us," said Shirley's general manager Susan Macario. "To show how much we appreciate the support, we are preparing some exciting things at Shirley's. We hope you will visit our stores, join our promos and spread the word to your family and friends."

"Insta Love" is an Instagram photo contest where guests can share a picture of themselves with their favorite Shirley's meal, their food order, a group shot inside the restaurant, or a façade shot taken at Shirley's Garapan or Susupe.

There is no limit to the amount of entries that can be uploaded on Instagram (#shirleyscoffeeshop) and 20 images will be featured on Shirley's Facebook page with each chosen entry getting $20 worth of Shirley's gift certificate.

In "Share your Favorite Shirley's Memory," participants will have to write about a special moment they couldn't forget while dining at Shirley's.

It could simply be a small meet up with friends for a cup of coffee, a long conversation of laughter and tears shared in one of the restaurant's booths, or something nostalgic like having your first-ever meal on Saipan at Shirley's.

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Shirley's Coffee Shop staff Macoi Aguda models the TWENTY commemorative shirt marking the restaurant's 20th year anniversary at Shirley's Susupe yesterday.

There are two ways to join "Share your Favorite Shirley's Memory." One can go to the Shirley's Facebook page and click the Share your Story button or get a form from Shirley's Coffee Shop that can be manually filled up.

Twenty stories will be featured on Shirley's Facebook page and like the "Insta Love" promotion, each chosen entry will get $20 worth of Shirley's gift certificate.

The deadline for both the "Insta Love" and "Share your Favorite Shirley's Memory" promotions is on May 20.

Founded in 1983, Shirley's Coffee Shop has been serving the best of Chamorro, Filipino, and American cuisines in generous servings on Saipan and in Guam.

The complete mechanics of the "Insta Love" and "Share your Favorite Shirley's Memory" promotions can be read on Shirley's Facebook page as well as on posters at the restaurant's two branches on Saipan: Garapan and Susupe. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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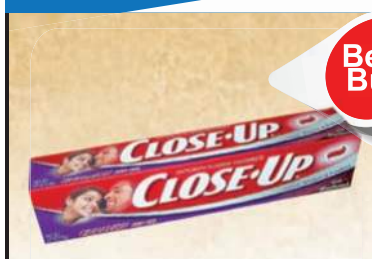

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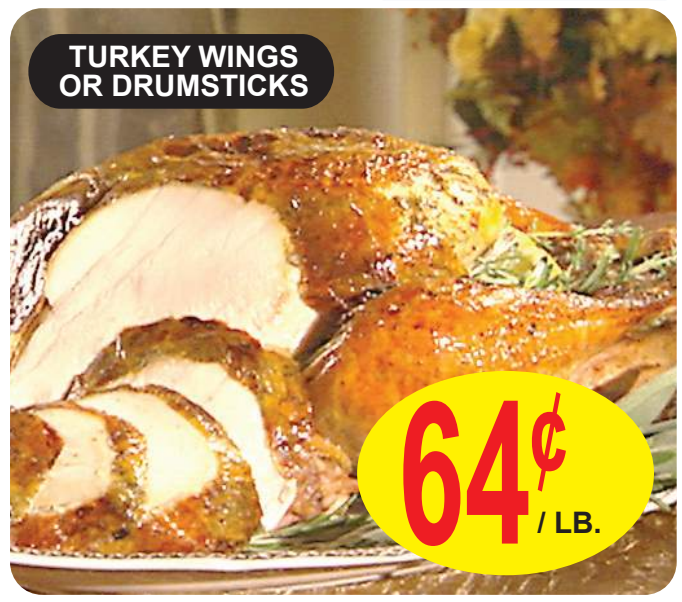

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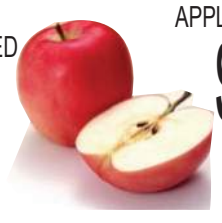

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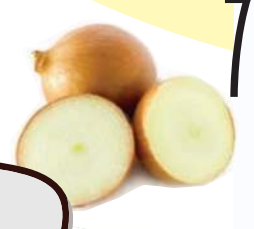

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Kilili's territorial sea bill clears the House—again

WASHINGTON, D.C.— "Third time's the charm," advised Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah), as the bill conveying the submerged lands around the 14 Northern Mariana Islands to the Commonwealth passed the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday afternoon. Approval was without any dissent, as it has been twice before—first in the 111th Congress in 2009 and then again in the 112th Congress in 2011. Both times, however, the Northern Marianas territorial sea bill died in the U.S. Senate.

Sablan

"I am cautiously optimistic that Mr. Bishop is right," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP). "The third time—in the 113th Congress—we will be successful getting the bill enacted and on the President's desk for signature."

In fact, the road to enactment began even before Sablan was elected to represent the people of the Northern Marianas in Congress, as he acknowledged in his manager's statement yesterday.

In 2005 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the submerged lands around the islands belonged not to the Commonwealth but to the federal government. "Then-congressman, now Arizona senator, Jeff Flake, introduced a bill conveying these lands shortly after the Ninth Circuit ruling," Sablan explained during the House proceedings. "And new Mexico senator, Pete Domenici, introduced a companion to the Flake measure."

But neither the House nor the Senate voted on a conveyance bill until Sablan arrived.

Now eight years after that court ruling, Sablan has refused to give up. He introduced his own bill, H.R. 573, on Feb. 6 and has moved it quickly through the committee referral process and onto the House floor for yesterday's vote.

At the same time, he prevailed on the new chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), and his Republican counterpart, Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, to introduce a companion bill in the Senate.

"The Northern Marianas is the only U.S. coastal jurisdiction that does not have ownership of the submerged lands off its coasts," Sablan told the House yesterday.

"The bill will simply provide parity—the ownership and responsibility for surrounding lands and waters that every other coastal area of our nation enjoys." ***(Office of the Delegate)***

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Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 17, 2006

Groundwater contamination posed by Tanapag oil, fuel tank

One of the six oil and fuel tanks in Tanapag set for removal may have already contaminated groundwater within the area, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA Region IX field representative Michelle Rogow stressed, though, that this is not official yet as EPA and the Division of Environmental Quality would still have to analyze samples of groundwater from the area. Results would be obtained in three to four weeks. During yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, Rogow said the tank that could have contaminated the Tanapag groundwater is Tank No. 13.

Tourist arrivals down 17 pct.

Japanese tourist arrivals in the Northern Marianas declined by 28 percent last month compared with the same month last year. Data from the Marianas Visitors Authority released yesterday showed that visitors from Japan totaled 20,184 last month or 7,746 less than April 2005. Japanese arrivals have been adversely affected by the pullout of Japan Airlines from Saipan in October last year. JAL used to bring over an average of 12,000 tourists a month. Overall, MVA reported a 17-percent plunge in tourist arrivals last month. From 39,748 visitors in April 2005, the number was down to 32,981 last month.

May 17, 2007

Leak leaves Kagman waterless

A leak in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water pipe rendered Kagman without water yesterday, prompting Kagman High School to send its students home early. CUC cut off the water supply at 7am after the crew found the damage to the watermain along Forbidden Island Road in Kagman III. CUC immediately started the repairs at 8:30am. The crew was expected to finish fixing the pipe by 8pm last night. The water from the watermain usually goes to Kagman, to include the areas of Kagman Elementary School, Kagman High School, and Chacha Oceanview Junior High School.

High Court solicits briefs on redistricting petition

A request to reapportion seats in the CNMI House of Representatives and revise Saipan's election districts is now with the Supreme Court. Yesterday, Chief Justice Miguel Demapan and the two other justices ordered concerned government entities to submit briefs on a petition for reapportionment and redistricting filed by Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan and Tina E. Sablan. If granted before the midterm election, the petition could result in fewer seats in the House by 2008. Saipan would have 12 representatives, rather than 16. The pair filed the petition on Monday, May 14, 2007. Their petition was based on a constitutional provision requiring the Legislature to reapportion the House seats at least every 10 years and within 120 days after results of a decennial census are published.

May 17, 2008

Fitial justifies CPA exec orders

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has warned that a legislative rejection of his recent actions at the Commonwealth Ports Authority would hurt the CNMI's ability to borrow money in the future. Fitial in a press statement yesterday insisted that his executive orders and state of emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Ports Authority are "in the absolute best interest of the Commonwealth." He argued that such actions protect the CNMI government's financial standing in the international bond market. "If the Legislature were to reject my executive orders and administrative directives for CPA, the bond trustee would quickly issue a notice of technical default and this development would have very dire consequences for the CNMI," said Fitial.

Kaipat: New procedures in place to identify overstaying aliens

The Department of Labor has put up new procedures to easily identify overstaying alien workers in the CNMI, according to Labor deputy secretary Cinta M. Kaipat. Kaipat said as part of Labor's new operating procedures, they have established procedures for creating an "overstayer list" out of Labor's administrative actions each quarter. She said the first of such list was published in a newspaper last Monday, May 12. "We held this one until the federalization cap went into effect in order to ensure that any slots created by departing workers would be available under the cap," said the former lawmaker.

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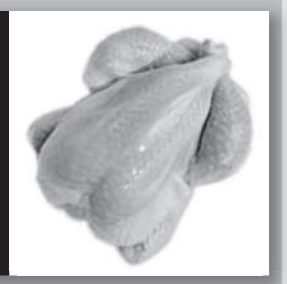

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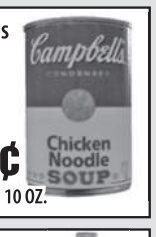

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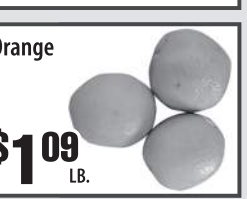

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Overzealous and irresponsible

When the government obstructs the ability of a news organization to do its job, the most important victims are not journalists but readers. That's why long-standing guidelines set clear limits on how Justice Department prosecutors are expected to behave when interacting with the news media. "In recognition of the importance of freedom of the press to a free and democratic society," the government's own rules say, subpoenas for reporter's records or notes must be personally authorized by the attorney general, may be issued only after other sources are exhausted and are expected to be limited in scope to avoid gratuitous invasion into news gathering.

Yet no such restraint or respect for limits was evident in the government's wholesale sweeping up of phone records of the Associated Press, which was disclosed this week.

The records appear to have been seized as part of an ongoing investigation into who leaked details to the AP in 2012 about a foiled terrorist plot in Yemen. On Monday, the AP said that the government had gathered information from at least 20 phone lines, including the personal cellphones of some reporters and an editor, as well as the main switchboard of the AP's Washington bureau. Although the contents of the calls were apparently not recorded, ingoing and outgoing numbers were included in the information provided by the phone companies.

It's easy to see why investigators might want that information. If they can connect phone numbers belonging to government officials with reporters who put together the story, prosecutors may be able to figure out who leaked the information.

The AP described the seizure of the records as an "unprecedented intrusion." Sadly, that's not true. In fact, the Obama administration has been overzealous and irresponsible in its pursuit of leakers, aggressively striking back when it believes government officials may have illegally shared information with reporters. James Risen of the New York Times, for instance, had personal phone and bank records seized by the government as it attempted to uncover his sources. And authorities have launched five other such cases in recent years, more than any previous administration.

These inquiries are often protracted and fruitless, but their real cost lies elsewhere. The reason for limiting Justice Department searches of journalists and news organizations is that the nation benefits from aggressive reporting that holds government to account. Retaliatory leak investigations and unjustified, open-ended searches such as that performed on the AP discourage that reporting and cow sources into submission. Such searches may simplify the work of investigators, but they thwart the larger purpose of free debate, a grave sacrifice indeed. What's good for Justice may be bad for justice.

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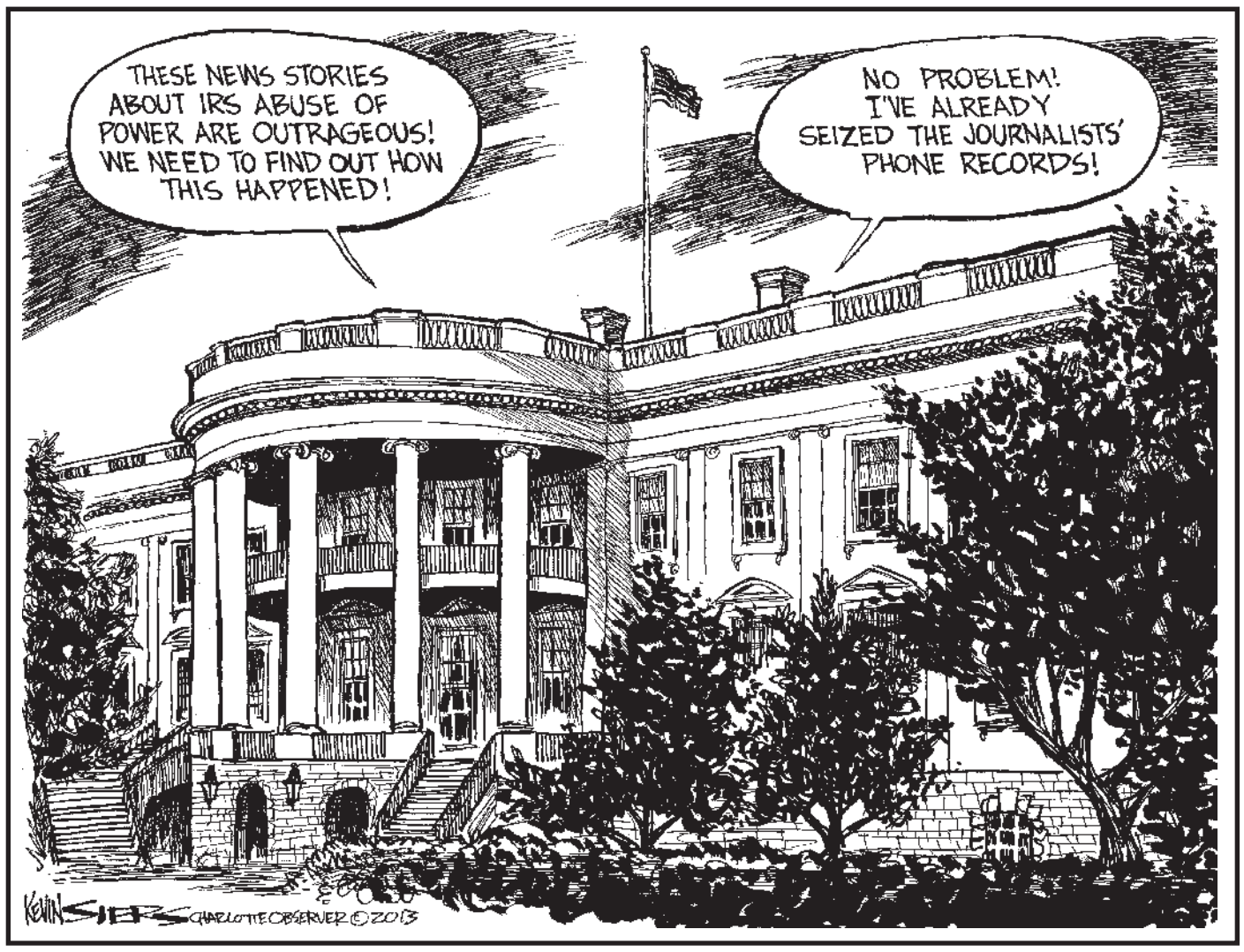
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Blue Sky

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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That's the name of our school auditorium where we got our 15 minutes of fame two years ago when I bravely sang with a Japanese foreign teacher the song popularized by Deng Lijun (Teresa Tang in HK), *Yue Liang Dai Biao Wo De Xin* (the moon mirrors my heart). For a non-speaker, we did not do too badly. A culturally polite student said so.

Well, the auditorium is neither blue nor does one see much of a sky over it. Daoyi, where we are located outskirt of Shenyang, was farmland a decade ago before China moved to decongest its urban centers by creating satellite cities. Daoyi became a university town with seven in our immediate environs. Blue skies might have been a quality of the farms then but coal-burning electrical plants have since moved into the area, and our skies are no longer blue, if one sees them at all. We are more like what Londoners oft say: "We wanted to fog but we mist!" (An English joke, in case you missed it!)

So it was such a delight to wake up on our day off to be greeted by a blue sky reminiscent of the days on Saipan when all one had to do was wait for 15 minutes for downpours and brief showers to shift back into sunlight and blue skies.

We rolled a blanket and headed for the knoll next to the Blue Sky auditorium to feel like one was picnicking in the middle of a forest overlooking a pond (OK, they call it a lake but as Stratford-on-Avon bard was quoted as saying, a pond by any other name is still a pond). Backpack heavy with fruits, coffee and tea in thermoses, camera, and MacBook Air secured, we got out of the door on the 11th floor.

That was when the electricity went off (we discovered later that the construction workers hit a water main and decided to shut off the power). No big deal. I was headed down and a muscle stretch was a good intro to the day. There were students scattered under the trees but our favored spot was clear. The blue sky, however, did not linger long. Heavily carbon-laden clouds moved in. With a few raindrops threatening, we kept the laptop wrapped and stayed with the camera.

Shooting photos, either with 35-mm film or digital cameras, are best when the light is diffused and the deep contrast created by too sharp a difference between dark and light that removes the wonderful world of shadows remain clear. Also, refracted and reflected light reveals tiny details that are otherwise lost in automatic settings.

Out came the old entry level Nikon D400 for this shutterbug. We thought we would test any remaining acumen on the ratio of aperture opening and shutter speed to determine the quality of our photos. We had a perfect day for that. That's when the humid air decided to liquefy, all to the imagined delight of the tear-streaming weeping willows and the now verdant beech trees beside the promenade.

I streamed out of the shades along with student couples, having difficulties concentrating on classroom texts in cozy midmorning under the trees. I did not catch any of the crows that normally caw their way into the woods, nor their twittering sparrow cousins, but I do have good shots of yellow dandelions that now carpet the floor!

Hoping that the electrical brownout would be over, we returned to the dorm midday only to find out that the "accident" will take another two hours to resolve. Still feeling sprite and light, we bounded for the 11th floor, 10 steps to every platform, a total of 22 levels. By the seventh floor, old former cigarette breath heaved a sigh for a break.

Looking down below the university basketball court where teams were playing as part of the sportsfest over the weekend, with all colors flying and the rah-rahs of the cheering crowd resonating in echoes from building walls, I noticed the sky taking another shot at blue. Spirit reenergized, we dashed up the remaining four floors to the 11th.

Almost out of breath, we flung our body into the room, ready to hit the shower when we realized there was no water on tap. We decided to go horizontal, perhaps, too hurriedly and for too long for we awakened to the sound of loud hissing. We bolted out of bed with a cramp in the midsection and on the calves that hit us with demobilizing pain. Slowly and gingerly, we slid out of bed down the floor and gingerly lifted our body up as the hissing sound got louder.

Electricity returned while we napped but the waterline offered no drip, so the bathroom water heater still plugged to the socket was heating up on empty. We scrambled to unplug the fixture before it exploded, cramp on the tummy and all!

We reach 68 this August and the existential reality that we are no longer "that young" hit home once more. The clinic nurse explained that the calf cramp was either reminding one to slow down (I might have overdone the dash upstairs), or not to neglect it in regular exercise of the lower extremities. Our regular sedentary computer ennui might have something to do with the latter. The tummy cramp was not explained.

That's when it dawned on us again that "blue sky" goes beyond atmospheric coloration. It is primarily an attitude of the heart, a disposition of the mind. On Saipan and in Shenyang, one can choose to hum: "blue skies, smiling at me, nothing but blue skies, do I see." The spirit and its body follows.

He nose his cars

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I spend a lot of my dotage thumbing through my photo album. Most of the photos are from my flying side of life, but I also like the snapshots of my old cars. The sight of those photos conjures up distinct memories of car smells, and I'm sure all gear-heads can relate to this. So here's my list of memorable automotive smells:

1). Rich mixture

Modern cars are usually so efficient that the exhaust doesn't carry a smell of gasoline. But a lot of my old cars would apparently run too rich because I could often smell unburnt fuel in the exhaust, at least at idle. It smelled like gasoline, since that's what it was.

I rebuilt my own carburetors, but I was never any good at it, which might explain this trait in my fleet of jalopies.

I have to admit, I like this smell. They say it causes brain damage. So just pass me my crayons and my drool bib and I'll be OK.

2). Burning engine oil

I guess we're dealing with two situations here; engine oil that is seeping or leaking under the hood, thus frying on hot engine components, and engine oil that is going through the combustion process by sliding by the valves or piston rings.

I don't really remember the smell from the latter scenario. I'm sure I would recognize it, but my mind's nose can't conjure up the smell as I sit as my desk right now.

But as for smelling oil burning under the hood, well, that's a scent that I can recall immediately.

From my experience, more recent cars seem more prone to having oil leaks and seeps than old cars were. I don't know if they are actually leaking and seeping more, or if they're just so hard to fix that the problems often go unaddressed.

Gone are the days when you could replace a valve cover gasket in the parking lot during your lunch break.

3). Toasted transmission fluid

Automatic transmission fluid has a little bit of a detergent smell, but it's not an objectionable smell; memorable, yes, but objectionable, no.

But if the fluid starts to overheat, then it's sort of a toasted detergent smell, and it's stronger than the normal smell.

Sometimes my neighbors give me odd looks when they notice me pulling out a dipstick from under the hood, and putting it under my nose and sniffing it like a connoisseur sniffing a wine cork.

Have you priced transmissions lately? Egads! I'd rather keep shoving that dipstick up my nose than let the trans guy shove his hand into my wallet.

4). Gear oil

There's no way around this: Gear oil is a little bit stinky. You'll never see a perfume called "L'Odeur De 85W-90."

5). Frying radiator coolant

When coolant starts to leak and the hot engine burns it, it has a sweet smell, which, once again, makes the nose a very useful diagnostic tool.

6). Burning electrical wires

I don't think St. Peter will let you pass by the pearly gates unless you've suffered the indignity of doing some wiring work and then, in a panic, smelling the results of a botched job. That acrid smell is unmistakable. I haven't had any of these little goofs snowball into disasters, but I've come mighty close. It's a law of physics that a $25,000 car will burn to the ground in order to protect a 10-cent fuse.

7). Smoking tire rubber

This smell was more common in hot rod days, I reckon. It was an acceleration thing. These days, deceleration is probably the more common culprit, when a large truck locks the brakes and smokes a tire. The smell carries for miles. On the highway it's a good warning sign that there might be trouble ahead.

8). Old hose rubber

Old hoses under the hood have a smell that is sort of crusty and musty. It's not a strong smell, but is certainly recognized by the more discerning nostrils.

9). Bondo

The smell of Bondo, the stuff used to fill dents, is permanently etched into my brain. It's probably permanently etched into my lungs, too, given how much Bondo dust I inhaled in high school from sanding the bodywork. This has provided my respiratory system with a smooth finish, which has obvious health benefits.

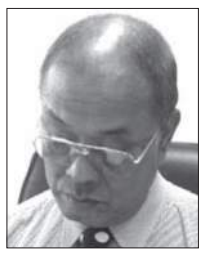
10). Primer

After the Bondo comes the spray primer. I like that smell, since it usually signified I was in the home stretch doing bodywork. This is as far as I'd take it, since I'd have a buddy or a shop shoot the paint.

The fishing expedition

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



When you intone *White Christmas* in May, it's a tale that your focus is completely off center. Too, your dreams of frigid weather in the tropics are reflections of how acutely your views have turned into a nightmare.

This is how I see the proposal to add another 40 megawatts to Saipan's power generation via solar and wind energy. Is there really a need for such an addition today when the garment industry has closed down, leaving excess power?

As though we're a bunch of ignoramuses, the proposal is sugar-coated with a shipyard repair facility where it claims it could generate about 1,000 jobs. I have no qualms with the jobs end of the plan. But how would such a scheme fare when just 250 miles to the south is a ship repair facility that is larger in size than Lower Base? Could the military use two shipyard repair facilities? Isn't the improvement for the Guam repair facility subject to budgetary approval of the U.S. Congress?

The industrial park proposal is an issue that requires clear-cut answers. Floating it as a tool of poorly thought-out public relations stunt isn't going to cut the cake either.

Nah! Revenue generation has gone Deep South. There's the persistent budgetary shortfall of millions of dollars. It just doesn't make any sense pontificating over a plan that sank even before financial partners could warm their feet in our tropical waters.

Mr. Mahmood, when our fiscal *Titanic* is sinking we would head for boats, not yell at the iceberg! For now you're preaching to the choir.

Despicable though the arrogance coming back for seconds when he never made it to the dinner table in the first place. But then someday when he pulls out of his coma he should be able to sing *Summertime* in soulful fashion too.

902: A fitting partnership

The U.S. Congress gave the CNMI the privilege to seek inclusion or exclusion in proposed federal laws before final approval. Such is the mandate of Section 902 under the Covenant Agreement. Its role and function is executive in nature while the non-voting delegate, legislative.

It should matter to us that the resident representative is reinstated for purposes of re-establishing meaningful and lasting partnership. The impending major federal regulations headed out of DC this year are over 1,000.

So what's wrong with this scenario? Federal bureaucrats are authorized to draft these regulations without congressional oversight or judicial review. It would be prepared by people we've never met nor elected as our representative in Washington.

We're not sure what these measures are that have their genesis in laws approved by Congress. Nor have we heard from our non-voting delegate about them. Perhaps it is more the reason that we pray long and hard for the reinstatement of the resident representative's office.

We need both hands working in the review of laws and subsequent regulations to ensure that none contributes to the complete annihilation of economic opportunities of these isles.

Quichocho's nomination

There seems to be a monkey wrench thrown into the appointment of Ray Quichocho to the bench. Reportedly, he induced submission of wrongful land documents at a trial. Such action doesn't sit well with jurists now on the bench. Let's see what the NMI Bar Association would recommend—confirmation or rejection.

The nomination is now before the Senate whose subsequent action would define its ability to protect its own integrity. Integrity is far more important than one's successes and achievements. It represents the person's character. To compromise it is to put an end to the obscene blood transfusion that has wrecked most of human history!

Firing more Republicans

The firing of the heads of DCCA, CHC, and CPA signals the firing of more Republicans while keeping one or two with replacements drawn from independent Republicans or Covenant. It obviates the query whether this is the new political realignment: Covenant and IRs. It equally inflicted serious injury in GOP unity, opening wounds that would take time for the healing process to take place.

The latest move forces the loss of political temper among the triad: Covenant, Independent Republicans and Republicans, especially the GOP. Is it an agenda by the triad to stamp out its hold on the political arena? Somehow, the ball seems to bounce that way. It doesn't bode well with plans to regroup for purposes of next year.

The fragile glass puzzle of unity has disintegrated and it would be difficult piecing it together internally. Has something changed for the better or is it "let it be" and more of the same without Smiling Smurf? It seems "I've heard that song before." Sounds new but woefully monotonous and familiar too!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Retirement Fund disaster: What to do?

This started out as a letter to a fellow disinherited retiree. It seems to have evolved into a letter to all of CNMI citizens and the Legislature. So I am sending it to the editor for all to enjoy.

I suspect you and I know that all of the CNMI would be "up in arms" if the federal government were to up and announce that they were no longer able to provide funds for the Marianas Housing Authority, Medicaid, food stamps, PSS, or any other outright gifts to people, that although needy, have done nothing to contribute to these programs. I expect whatever respect you have for that government would soon fade into hatred. So what about when the NMI government chooses to turn out a few thousand retirees? What do you think about yourselves when you do something just like I described above to a few thousand retirees? Oh, sorry retirees, we just cannot afford to honor our constitutional obligations. Sorry for that! We hope you will qualify for what the indigent settle for. Sorry but we misappropriated and squandered all those hundreds of millions of dollars. Hey, but thanks for your contributions. We enjoyed spending that money. Hahaha.

You should all know perfectly well that a small additional tax, like a sales tax, would easily provide for the pensions of these retirees! Oh, but what about the poor amongst us? How can they afford this new tax? Gee, how do they buy betel nut, crystal meth, tobacco, and beer? They seem to have their ways.

We are not talking about depriving the poor, but avoiding creating a few thousand more poor. Yet when your own people, your own government seems to be totally apathetic about the fact that they, by acts of criminal neglect, breach of promise, and neglect of constitutional duty are depriving a few thousand of their own people a benefit that they faithfully paid for, and worked a lifetime for, and planned for their own last few years [often years of sickness and hardships] and then have that pension quite literally stolen from them by foul means, can you just look away and pretend that it is OK?

Who amongst you are proud? We want you to be proud. We wish there was something to be proud of. I sincerely wonder how you can show your faces in public. Have you never heard of shame? How does this shame taste? Is it sweet? Is it sweet? Savor it. You have earned it.

Give us a better ending to this story. This story will last a hundred years. Your life is so short. Think of your country and your citizens. Think of your legacy. The whole world is watching to see what you will do—even what you will try to do. Try! Please try to fix this Retirement Fund problem. It is only too late when you give up. This letter was written in Queens Hospital in Honolulu. We need our pensions, we really do.

James McMahon
As Lito, Saipan

False rumors

It has been brought to my attention that a blogger has claimed that Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz recently spent $4,000 of Tinian public funds for a trip to the Philippines. It is true that the mayor did recently travel to the Philippines, but not at government expense. In fact, he sold three cows and broke into his piggy bank to take his wife on a well-deserved vacation.

Many false rumors will be started over the next year as less qualified candidates attempt to position themselves to run for office against the incumbent Tinian leadership. Those who believe rumors only deceive themselves and those to whom they pass it. Those who want to know the truth need only ask.

Don Farrell
via email

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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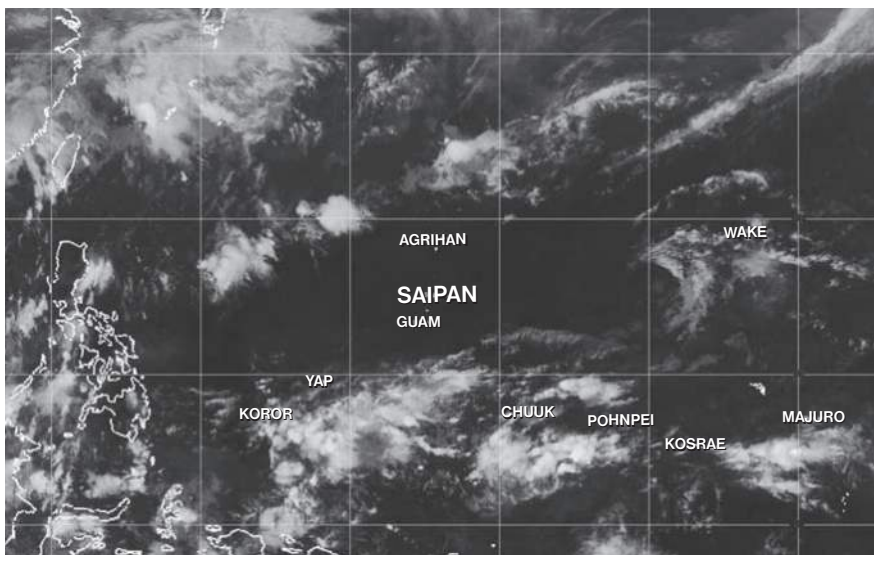
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲89	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲64	▼61
Beijing	Cloudy	▲80	▼58
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼73
London	Showers	▲57	▼47
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼60
Manila	Cloudy	▲92	▼82
Melbourne	Showers	▲59	▼47
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼73
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼56
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼59
Paris	Showers	▲60	▼47
Pusan	Windy	▲68	▼57
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲65	▼57
Salem	Showers	▲67	▼50
San Francisco	Showers	▲59	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼56
Tokyo	Sunny	▲73	▼57
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲83	▼64

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging winds ahead of a weak front north of 25N are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Minami Tori Shima and Iwo To island to northwest of Saipan or north of a line from 16N130E to 25N160E to beyond 25N. A surface trough extends northward from 1N130E to 8N133E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this Feature can be found south and west of Koror south of a line from 9N130E to 6N136E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Yap to near Chuuk within 230 miles of a line from 4N137E to 7N154E. Similar weather is occurring within 70 miles of a line from 2N154E to 4N159E and south of Majuro and Kwajalein between 2N and 6N from 165E to 176E. An upper-level low is centered well north of Pohnpei near 17N159E. This upper-level low combined with trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of Pohnpei State and the Marshall Islands to near Wake Island between 8N and 20N from 158E to 168E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:08 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.1 Feet
12:28 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:22 AM	
Saturday	12:12 PM	12:08 AM
Sunday	1:02 PM	12:49 AM
Monday	1:53 PM	1:29 AM
Tuesday	2:47 PM	2:11 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 6, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	2:55am	6:35am	1
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:55am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:55am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class of '93 reunion meeting today

Marianas High School Class of 1993 will be having a class reunion meeting today, May 17, 2013, starting at 5:30pm at the Godfather's Beach Bar behind Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan in Garapan. Class attendance is mandatory! So we encourage all classmates to come and attend this very important meeting. If you have any questions, contact Maryann Borja-Arriola at 483-2279 or Vivian Sablan at 288-1129. ***(PR)***

Memorial Week proclamation signing

There will be a Memorial Week proclamation signing on May 20, 2013, 2pm, at the Office of the Governor's conference room. All veterans, active and reserved military personnel, family members of those departed veterans, and the general public are invited to come and join us for this proclamation signing.

On May 27, 2013, the CNMI will be remembering its fallen heroes at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi at 9am. ***(PR)***

Keynotes recital tomorrow

The public is invited to the Keynotes School of Music recital dubbed "2013 Spring Music Festival" that will be held tomorrow, May 18, 2013, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Program starts at 2:30pm. Come and enjoy the music of our young students showcasing the progress and skill they've gained after just a few months of instruction. Admission is free.

The recital also features two of KSM students who are gold medalists at the recent 2013 Tumon Bay Music Festival in Guam: Karon Onil Pagcu and Erica Faye Tubera. Twelve-year-old Tubera, a piano student at KSM, was recently hailed champion at the NMC Marianas Idol. Both Pagcu and Tubera awed the audience with their recent performances at Taste of Marianas. ***(PR)***

Four Saipan sites red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has given four locations on Saipan a red flag and advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. Affected areas are The Palms Resort, Central Repair Shop, Sugar Dock, and CK Dist. No. 2 drainage.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzed samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 38 locations on the Saipan. Contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any questions. ***(DEQ)***

CCA board meeting on May 21

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be having a meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

Notice to MHS graduating class

Marianas High School graduating seniors are being informed that your cap, gown, and tassels are in and available for pick up at the Main Office! Distribution schedule is as follows:

- Last names D – J : May 17
- Last names K – M : May 20
- Last names N – S : May 21
- Last names T – Z : May 22

Pick up times will be 7:30am to 8:30am and 3pm to 4:30pm. Full payment is required for your orders to be released. If you are not able to pay by the specified date, make arrangements with Ms. Tudela by calling the Main Office at 237-3206. ***(PR)***

CK Head Start notices

For Chalan Kanoa Head Start parents, there will be a free Parent Education Training for parents of children 0 to 5 years old on May 20 to May 31, 2013, starting at 6pm, at the William S. Reyes Elementary School cafeteria. Call Mona at 483-4398 for more information. ***(PR)***

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Century Tours will sponsor a $20,000 hole-in-one prize for the 12th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament on June 1, 2013. Pictured from left are Century Tours operation supervisor Paul Fu, HANMI Golf Committee member Steve Balakrishna, HANMI Golf Committee chair Juko Ishikawa, Century Tours Senior VP of Business Development Seiji Sato, Century Tours GM Henry Pun, Century Tours senior VP Alexander Stutely, HANMI Golf Committee member Das Krishnan, and Century Tours room reservation manager Lucy Guo.

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HANMI golf tourney juniors deadline extended

There's good news for junior golfers wishing to join 12th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament next month. Registration is only $70 and the deadline to register for the junior flight has been extended to May 29, 2013, at 5pm.

The Junior Flight is open to players ages 8 to 16 years old. A maximum of 24 junior golfers will be allowed. The tournament will be held on June 1, 2013, at Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

"We're very pleased to offer the Junior Flight this year to encourage more young golfers," said tournament chair Juko Ishikawa. "The number of slots is limited, so we encourage all interested golfers to register as soon as possible."

Hole-in-one prizes offer this year's golfers a chance for lucrative prizes. Delta Air Lines has donated two round-trip tickets to any Delta destination in the U.S., and Triple J Motors will put up a 2013 Hyundai Elantra. Cash donations up for grabs will be $20,000 from Century Tours, $10,000 from Pacific Saipan, $5,000 by Century Insurance, and $3,000 from Traders Insurance.

This year's tournament be open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous in-kind prizes await the winners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

This year's optional play is an additional $25 and will award cash prizes for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive on select holes. In addition, Titan Imports will award Chivas Magnum (1.5L) and Pacifica Insurance will award $100 cash for nearest to the pin on select par 3 holes.

Registration forms are available on the HANMI website at www.saipanhotels.org, and at Mariana Country Club, Coral Ocean Point Resort, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, and Hyatt Regency Saipan. Early bird tournament fee is $105 for payments received by 5pm, May 29. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to $125 after the early bird deadline. The tournament will start at 7am.

The tournament features seven categories: Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Seniors (55 years-and-over), Ladies, and Juniors. Players in the Championship Flight must have 0-6 handicaps, while those in A Flight are 7- 11 handicappers. The B Flight is for players with 12-17 handicap, while C Flight are for players with handicap 18 and up. Senior category is for ages 55 and up.

First place winners of all flights will receive $300, a trophy, and a hotel stay at one of the HANMI member hotels. Second place finishers will receive $200, a trophy and gift certificate at one of the HANMI member hotel, and third place winners will receive $100, a trophy and gift certificate at one of the HANMI member hotel. Junior category winners will receive gift certificate at one of the HANMI member hotel. Winners for the female and junior golfers will be determined using the Double Peoria handicap system. ***(HANMI)***

New effort addresses rights, representation in US territories

Former Guam resident Neil Weare will be on Saipan today, May 17, to launch a new organization, We the People Project, that is dedicated to achieving equal rights and representation for the 4.7 million Americans who live in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

Weare's presentation, titled "Realizing the Dream: Equal Rights and Representation, Wherever You Live" will be held at the Northern Marianas College Student Center today at 4pm. His talk will address the need for a new civil rights movement centered on achieving equal rights for the residents of U.S. territories and D.C. There is no fee to attend the presentation. For more information, contact Queanna Sablan at queannas@nmcnet.edu.

Weare will also give an address today to the CNMI Bar Association at the Kanoa Resort. His talk will focus on *Tuaua v. United States*, a federal lawsuit examining whether the Citizenship Clause of the Constitution applies in U.S. territories. Tuaua may provide an opportunity for the Supreme Court to reexamine the Insular Cases, a series of Plessy-era decisions that have been criticized as establishing a doctrine of separate and unequal for the residents of U.S. territories.

CLE credit will be available, and the event will last from 11:45am to 1pm. The CNMI Bar is charging a $17 fee for the event, which is also its general membership meeting. For more information, contact Suzanne Steffy at cnmibar@pticom.com.

Weare, a civil rights attorney, is a graduate of Southern High in Guam and Yale Law School. He also represented Guam in the 2004 Athens Olympics. As president and founder of We the People Project, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., he is lead counsel in *Tuaua v. United States*, a groundbreaking case arguing that Congress cannot deny Americans in the territories the right to constitutional citizenship.

Prior to founding the We the People Project, Weare was litigation counsel and Supreme Court Fellow at Constitutional Accountability Center. Weare clerked on the Alaska Supreme Court for Justice Morgan Christen, now a judge on the Ninth Circuit. He was also a Thomas Emerson Fellow at David Rosen & Associates in New Haven, Connecticut. As a law student, Neil argued *CCJEF v. Rell*, a landmark case before the Connecticut Supreme Court recognizing a right to adequate education for Connecticut schoolchildren.

Weare

We the People Project is an new effort to achieve equal rights and representation for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and other U.S. territories.

"The people of the Northern Mariana Islands have a unique relationship and history with the United States, but that does not mean that the U.S. citizens who call these islands home should be left without voting representation in the federal government, particularly when federal laws can have such an acute affect on the islands," Weare said.

"[Some] 4.7 million Americans lack equal rights and representation simply because they live in a U.S. territory or the District of Columbia. Working together, we can build a new civil rights movement that will help bring an end to this second-class treatment. Our rights as Americans should be the same, no matter where we live," Weare said.

Weare is also promoting We the People Projects Equal Rights Pledge, where residents of the NMI can show their support for equal rights and representation. The pledge can be signed online at http://www.equalrightsnow.org/equal_rights_pledge.

People interested in supporting We the People Project with a financial contribution may make a secure online donation at https://wethepeopleproject.nationbuilder.com/make_a_donation.

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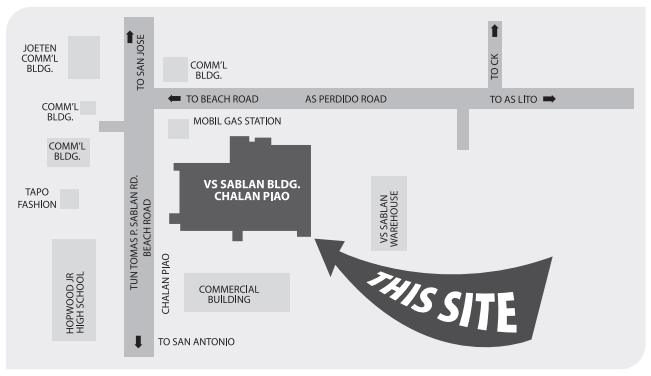

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Pacifica Insurance holds annual meetings in Tokyo

»Shirley Sablan appointed EVP

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. recently held its annual shareholder's and board of director's meeting in Tokyo, Japan.

At the meeting, current general manager Shirley Sablan was named corporate executive vice president.

Board of directors Norman Tenorio, Annie Sablan, Yukio Kuribayashi, Peter "Sonny" Ada, Alex Screen, and acting recording secretary John Terlaje attended the meeting. In absentia was Roman Palacios.

Tenorio, Sablan, Kuribayashi on behalf of Nanyo Boeki Kaisha, Ltd., and Edward Terlaje also attended the meeting as shareholders.

Both the board of director's meeting and the shareholder's meeting were held at the Mielparque Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan.

Nanbo Insurance is the sister company of Pacifica Insurance. Both companies have been general agents for Tokio Marine for years, focusing its business partnership strictly on property and casualty.

Pacifica Insurance and Nanbo Insurance are also assigned general agents for Pacific Guardian Life. Through PGL they are able to write disability and life policies.

A dinner reception was hosted by Tokio Marine Holdings at the Hotel New Otani, Gun Ship in honor of the executives and families of shareholders and directors of Pacifica Insurance and Nanbo Insurance.

Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited, which oversees operations in Guam, the CNMI, Republic of Palau, and Federated States of Micronesia, is a division of Tokio Marine Holdings (Tokio Marine and Nichido).

Tsuyoshi Nagano, the current executive vice president of Tokio Marine Holdings, announced that he has been appointed as the company's next president effective this July 2013. He will be succeeding the current president, Shuzo Sumi, who will become the next TMH chairman of the board.

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TMH executive vice president and future president and CEO Tsuyoshi Nagano poses with directors and officers of Pacifica Insurance and TMPI.

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Pacifica Insurance board of director Annie Sablan shares a moment with Nanbo director Edward Terlaje and TMH EVP Tsuyoshi Nagano. Nagano made a formal announcement during the dinner reception that he will be TMH's next president and chief executive officer come July this year.

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Tokio Marine Holdings general manager Hiroyuki Endo announces his future role as the next Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Ltd. president, which oversees operations in Guam and the CNMI. Endo will be replacing Nobuyuki Fukuzawa, third from right, who will be moving back to home office in June.

The current president of TMPI, Nobuyuki Fukuzawa, also announced that he will be moving out of Guam and will soon be replaced by his future successor, Hiroyuki Endo.

The current TMPI CEO, Kentaro Kita, will remain in Guam to continue to assist TMPI with its expansion efforts in the region.

"I would like to congratulate you [Mr. Nagano] for your nomination and selection to be the next Tokio Marine president," said Norman Tenorio during the dinner reception at the Hotel New Otani.

"It is amazing because we mention 45 years of being part of the Tokio Marine family [with relationship originating from Nanbo partnership in Guam]… that is a long, long time. The hospitality that we get and the relationship that we have with Tokio Marine is so strong."

Tenorio added, "It's really an honor for Mr. Nagano to spend his time to meet with us and be with us tonight. Again, thank you, Mr. Nagano, and we look forward to your presidency for a long time."

He briefly mentioned how the relationship with Tokio Marine all started with several individuals and families: Tenorio (Joeten), Ada, Kuribayashi, and Inoue. Tenorio also commended the late Joe Screen, a former employee of Joeten Enterprises, Inc., and Akira Inoue, past president of Nanbo Insurance, for making the relationship possible.

Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Company Limited takes pride in its current financial strength rating of A++ Superior, the highest financial strength rating one can acquire. The insurance empire is also categorized under financial category XV, the highest category an insurance company can obtain through AM Best Company.

"We will only write policies that are backed by carriers with strong financial ratings to ensure that our customers can rest assured," said EVP/GM Shirley Sablan. "An insurance policy is only as good as the company behind it. We want our customers to feel comfortable leaving some of the financial risks with us."

Sablan also announced that Pacifica now has a monthly raffle drawing for a free gold car service through Joeten Motors Co. The raffle drawing is open to anyone who has an insurance policy with Pacifica. For information about the giveaway, log on to www.pacificains.com/carservicegiveaway.

Pacifica Insurance is also a general agent of Century Insurance Co. since 2004. They also have a number of brokers that sell policies through its agency.

The company will be celebrating 40 years of business in the Commonwealth in December of this year.

Pacifica Insurance sells insurance coverage for business and personal automobile, workers' compensation, property, homeowner's, liability, marine, life, and health. They are located at the Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Pacifica Insurance president Norman Tenorio congratulates and welcomes the future president and CEO of TMH, Tsuyoshi Nagano, and thanks the entire TMH for years of partnership.

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Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., from left to right, board of director Pete "Sonny" Ada, president Norman Tenorio, executive vice president and general manager Shirley Sablan, board of directors Alex Screen, Yukio Kuribayashi, Annie Sablan, and acting recording secretary John Terlaje.

Taylor, OAG agree to extend period to respond to lawsuit

A former government lawyer and the Office of the Attorney General have agreed to give the OAG more time to respond to his lawsuit against former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham and the CNMI government.

Former assistant attorney general James William Taylor, through counsel Robert T. Torres, and assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel, filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI an agreement to extend time.

Patel is counsel for the CNMI government and the OAG.

Taylor filed his lawsuit in federal court on April 23, 2013.

According to Torres and Patel, the CNMI government and OAG were served with the summons and complaint on April 25. A responsive pleading was due Wednesday.

Torres and Patel agreed to move the deadline to respond to the complaint to May 29, 2013.

The lawyers noted that nothing in their agreement shall be construed as Taylor conceding that representation by the OAG in this case is proper.

Buckingham, who is now a fugitive from justice, was served with Taylor's summons and complaint last May 1 at his residence in Colorado.

Taylor, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, filed the lawsuit of age discrimination last month against Buckingham and other co-defendants.

Taylor claimed that Buckingham fired him in 2011 without following proper procedures to save on cost and in retaliation for opposing some sole-source contracts. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

FOA to stage 'Miss Saigon'

Miss Saigon comes to Saipan this month, courtesy of the Friends of the Arts.

A musical by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil, with lyrics by Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr., *Miss Saigon* tells the tragic tale of a doomed romance involving an American GI and a Vietnamese bar girl.

This newest staging of acclaimed musical will take place on May 30 and 31 for the evening shows. June 1 and 2 have both matinee and evening shows. Show time for matinee begins at 3pm and evening shows begin at 7pm. The venue is the MHS Dolphin Theater. The cost is $15 for adult non-members, $12 for adult FOA members, $8 for students, and $5 for Thespian members.

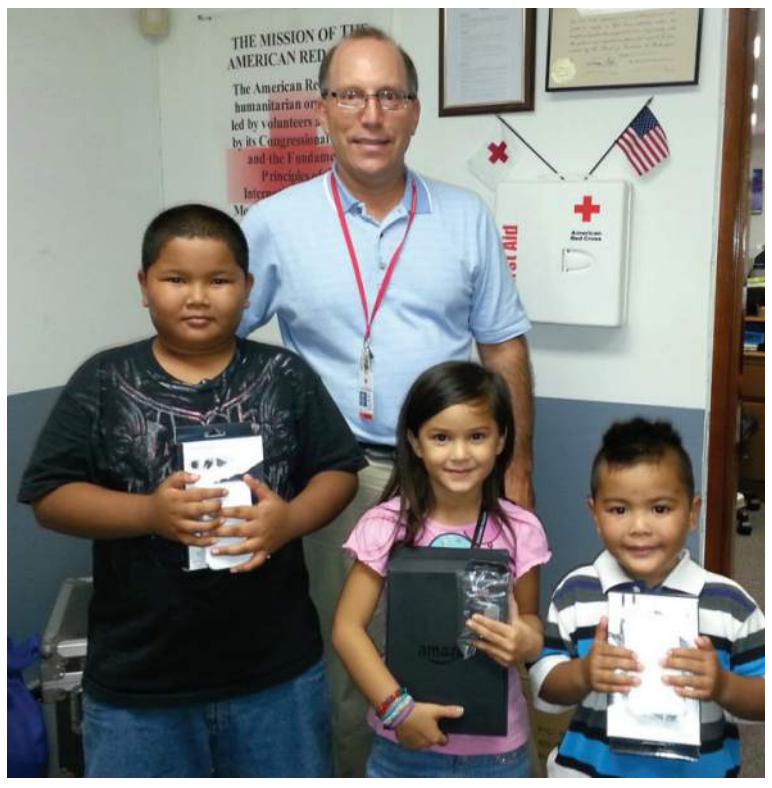
Cast member Devonne Dotts said described rehearsals as "a bit tough a times."

"For starters, and this is coming from a soprano, some of the songs we sing are really high and I mean really high. We actually had to split the sopranos into three groups instead of the normal two because a good majority of the soprano ones could not hit all the notes. One of the girls, a fellow soprano though in the soprano one group, actually said that for one of the songs she can no longer pronounce the words.

"Secondly, when it comes to choreography, we have to be really careful about it. If we do not move just the right way or our steps are too either too big or too small, we are liable to bump into someone which would not be good at all. Trust me, I have both bumped into someone while practicing and been chewed out for this.

"However, it is worth all the work. When we do sing, despite the headaches and sore throats, we sound really good. Same applies to the choreography and I am sure that it will look just as good if not better when we put them all together," she said.

Dotts is a freshman at Marianas Baptist Academy. Her first play was the musical *Working*. She also appeared in the play *A Midsummers Night Dream*. This is her third play. ***(FOA)***



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Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

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Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

DESCRIPTION (RESTRAINT TYPE)

A **REAR-FACING CAR SEAT** is the best seat for your young child to use. It has a harness and in a crash, cradles and moves with your child to reduce the stress to the child's fragile neck and spinal cord.

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A **BOOSTER SEAT** positions the seat belt so that it fits properly over the stronger parts of your child's body.

A **SEAT BELT** should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.

Anchor. Tether. LATCH The next generation of child safety.

For more information please contact CNMI Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Office at 664-9125/9085

Pasture and Livestock Management Conference on Tinian

The Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service is inviting interested community members to participate in the 2nd Tropical Pasture and Livestock Management Conference, taking place at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino on June 5-7, 2013.

The conference is part of an ongoing effort to develop and promote sustainable grass-fed beef production in the region. The conference will bring together ranchers, agricultural business owners and managers, military planners, extension and natural resource professionals from the Mariana Islands, Hawaii, and several U.S. mainland states to build on a unique network of livestock industry and technology knowledge. It also presents an opportunity to share cultural heritage in producing livestock products for small islands and rural communities.

The conference will include a discussion on topics like the Marianas Islands cattle industry, meat processing and marketing, land use concerns/issues, and programs for ranchers. The conference will also feature field tours that will highlight relevant farming activities.

The conference is a cooperative effort between the University of Hawaii-Manoa Cooperative Extension Service, Northern Marianas College, the Tinian Cattlemen's Association, the Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Tinian Dynasty, and is supported with funds from the USDA-OAO (project #59-2501-10-040s-12).

To register for the conference, call or email Joan Flores at joanf@nmcnet.edu, (670) 433-9235, or, Lawerence Duponcheel at tiniancattlemen@gmail.com,(670)433-0639/287-2855. ***(NMC)***

Humanitarian crisis looms in Marshall Islands

The Red Cross in New Zealand says the Marshall Islands is facing a potential humanitarian crisis as water supplies have been gradually depleted.

Last week the Marshall Islands declared a state of national disaster due to an extended drought.

The Red Cross says current assessments by the government indicate between 3,700 and 5,000 people are severely affected by the drought, and another 11,000 people are affected by crop loss.

Its International Operations manager, Glenn Rose, says some families are surviving on less than one liter of water per person per day.

"We've got a combination of water shortage plus crop failure so what that creates is people becoming food insecure, so you end up with a double-whammy, similar to what happened in Tuvalu two years ago. The priority is to get certainly the women and children and the elderly enough water to live on, the minimum is about 4 liters a day per person. Hopefully it will rain and that will sort the crops out in the short term."

Rose says the team will be there for two weeks with desalination units to provide portable drinking water to the most affected communities. ***(Radio New Zealand International)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to our lil' *bazinero sinahi* Antonio Kaipat Santos! May God bless you as you grow older! We love you! Greetings come from your family, friends, and most especially your parents.

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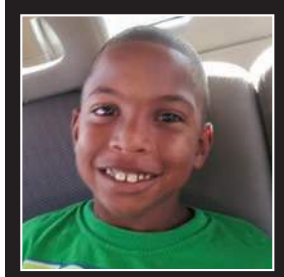

Happy 8th birthday to Jylon Joseph! May the good Lord bless you with many more years to come filled with lots of joy and happiness. We love you! Greetings come from Ardonn, Aiyana, and Keanalise.

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Happy 22nd birthday to our Uncle Keith Jason F. Sablan! May the good Lord bless you with many more years to come! We love and miss you very much! Greetings come from, Jylon, Ardonn, Aiyana, and Keanalse.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Leilany Castro, the most fun and outgoing person a friend or family could ever have! May God bless you on your special day, enjoy, and party because the weekend starts today! We love you always! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Rosalyn Acollador and her daughter Shad Andrei Acollador hold a double celebration on May 12, 2013, at the JC Café on Tinian. It was Mother's Day and Shad Andrei Acollador also had her first communion at the San Jose Church on Tinian.

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

AMENDED/REVISED RE-ANNOUNCEMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS
ON TWO HOUSES IN KAGMAN, SAIPAN

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals on two concrete house structures in Kagman, Saipan.

MPLT Resolution 10-10 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP). Under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified as a first-time homeowner with proof of registration as a person of Northern Marianas Descent through the NMD Registry program with the CNMI Board of Elections; a notarized affidavit by the applicant that he/she does not have any interest, whether freehold or fee simple, in any CNMI land; and a verified name search from a title company (current within 45 days) showing that the applicant does not own title to nor hold any interest in CNMI land as a grantee.

A fixed interest rate of 2% per annum and no down payment are permitted under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for two acquired homes located in **Kagman, Saipan**. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa. The deadline for submission of proposals for either house is **Friday, May 31, 2013.**

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

Marianas Public Land Trust
Tel 3224401/4402

MPLT SHIP PROGRAM HOUSE NO. SHIP-001
3 Bedroom Concrete House/2 bath, Kagman 2
Septic Tank System
Located across the street from the old DYS Kagman Facility
(future CHC Community Health Center)
Partial Ocean View
Good/Fair condition.
Appraised value is $90,000.00

MPLT SHIP PROGRAM HOUSE NO. SHIP-002
3 Bedroom Concrete House/1 bath, Kagman 3
Septic Tank System
Good Ocean View
Fair/Moderate condition.
Appraised value is $52,000.00

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: IFB13-CHCC-114

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 03, 2013 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: IFB13-CHCC-113

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 03, 2013 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality
would like to extend our

APPRECIATION

to all the groups and individuals who contributed to making this year's

Environmental Awareness Month

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(Over 4,000 people participated in various events throughout the month!)

Most especially, we would like to THANK the following
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Nation

Obama tries to regain control amid controversies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Under mounting pressure, President Barack Obama on Wednesday released a trove of documents related to the Benghazi attack and forced out the top official at the Internal Revenue Service following revelations that the agency targeted conservative political groups. The moves were aimed at halting a perception spreading among both White House opponents and allies that the president has been passive and disengaged as controversies consume his second term.

Obama

In another action, the White House asked Congress to revive a media shield law that would protect journalists from having to reveal information, a step seen as a response to the Justice Department's widely criticized subpoenas of phone records from reporters and editors at The Associated Press.

The flurry of activity signaled a White House anxious to regain control amid the trio of deepening controversies. The incidents have emboldened Republicans, overshadowed Obama's legislative agenda and threatened to plunge his second term into a steady stream of congressional investigations.

Standing in the East Room of the White House, the president said Acting IRS Commissioner Steven Miller had resigned and vowed that more steps would be taken to hold those responsible accountable.

"Americans have a right to be angry about it, and I am angry about it," Obama said of the IRS actions. "I will not tolerate this kind of behavior at any agency, but especially at the IRS given the power that it has and the reach that it has into all of our lives."

The president, seeking to keep up his more robust profile on the controversies, also said he would take questions from reporters Thursday at a previously scheduled news conference with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Obama had addressed the IRS matter on Monday, but his measured words left many unsatisfied, particularly given that he had waited three days to address the developments. He also repeatedly asserted that he was waiting to find out if the reports were accurate, even though top IRS officials had already acknowledged the controversial actions.

Adding to narrative of a passive president were White House efforts to distance Obama from the IRS scandal, as well as the revelations that the Justice Department had secretly obtained work and personal phone records of journalists. In both cases, the White House insisted the president had no prior knowledge of the events and learned about the matters like the general public—from news reports.

Obama's cautious response, combined with his lack of awareness about controversies brewing within his administration, opened him to quick criticism from his Republican foes.

"If Obama really learned about the latest IRS and AP secret subpoena scandals in the news, who exactly is running the ship at the White House?" Republican National Committee spokesman Kirsten Kukowski said.

But in a worrying sign for the White House, some Democrats also criticized the president for not being more aggressive in responding to trouble within the government.

Robert Gibbs, Obama's former White House press secretary, said the president should have appointed a bipartisan commission of former IRS officials to look into the issue of targeting political organizations. And Gibbs gently chided his former boss for using passive language when he first addressed the political targeting during a White House news conference Monday.

"I think they would have a much better way of talking about this story rather than simply kind of landing on the, `well if this happened, then we'll look at it'," Gibbs said during an appearance on MSNBC.

The pair of new fresh controversies coincided with a resurgence in the GOP-led investigation into the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks on a U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

ACROSS THE NATION

Officials: 'Multiple fatalities' in Texas tornado

GRANBURY, Texas (AP)—A tornado ripped through a picturesque lakeside North Texas town on Wednesday, resulting in multiple fatalities and destroying or damaging homes, authorities said. The tornado ripped through the Brazos River courthouse town of Granbury about 8 p.m. as part of a outbreak of severe weather that plagued the region Wednesday afternoon and evening. Hardest hit were two neighborhoods, Rancho Brazos Estates and DeCordova Ranch, in the southern end of the town of about 8,000 residents about 65 miles southwest of Dallas, said Hood County sheriff's Lt. Kathy Jiveden. There were multiple fatalities, she said, but she had no estimate of dead or injured or the number of homes destroyed.

Police: Suspect arrested in La. parade shooting

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The suspect in a Mother's Day parade shooting that left 19 people wounded in New Orleans was taken into custody Wednesday night, police said. Akein Scott, 19, was arrested in the Little Woods section of eastern New Orleans, police department spokeswoman Remi Braden said. She said no additional details were available and would not be until Thursday morning. An earlier police news release said Scott had previously been arrested on charges of illegal carrying of a weapon, illegal possession of a stolen firearm, resisting an officer, contraband to jail, illegal carrying of a weapon while in possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of heroin. It was not immediately clear whether Scott, who was arrested this past March, had been convicted on any of those charges.

House panel OKs farm bill with food stamp cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday approved a sweeping farm bill that would trim the $80 billion-a-year food stamp program. The panel rebuffed Democratic efforts to keep the food stamp program whole, as debate on the farm bill turned into a theological discourse on helping the poor. The House bill would cut about $2.5 billion a year—or a little more than 3 percent—from the domestic food aid program, which is used by 1 in 7 Americans. The committee rejected a Democratic amendment to strike the cuts 27-17, keeping them in the bill. The legislation would achieve the cuts partly by eliminating an eligibility category that mandates automatic food stamp benefits when people sign up for certain other programs. It would also save dollars by targeting states that give people who don't have heating bills very small amounts of heating assistance so they can automatically qualify for higher food stamp benefits.

Jurors find Jodi Arias eligible for death penalty

PHOENIX (AP)—The same jury that convicted Jodi Arias of first-degree murder last week took less than three hours Wednesday to determine that the former waitress is eligible for the death penalty in the killing of her one-time lover. The swift verdict sets the stage for the final phase of the trial to determine whether the 32-year-old Arias should be sentenced to life in prison or the death penalty for the 2008 murder of Travis Alexander in his suburban Phoenix home. Prosecutors will call Alexander's family and other witnesses in an effort to convince the panel Arias should face the ultimate punishment. Arias showed no emotion Wednesday after the jury returned a decision that was widely expected given the violent nature of the killing. She slashed Alexander's throat, stabbed him in the heart and shot him in the forehead after a day of sex at his home in June 2008.

Defense seeks to save life of man who drowned sons

DALLAS (AP)—A North Texas father convicted of capital murder for drowning two of his sons acted out of fear that the boys would grow up to be like him, the man's lawyer said Wednesday as the trial entered its penalty phase. Defense attorney Paul Johnson urged jurors to spare Naim Rasool Muhammad's life and not give him the death penalty, the punishment that prosecutors are seeking. Jurors took less than 10 minutes Wednesday to find Muhammad guilty of killing 5-year-old Naim and 3-year-old Elijah in August 2011. They can sentence him to death or life imprisonment without parole. He confessed to police that he took his children to a Dallas-area creek and told them to pretend they were swimming before he held their faces under water.

United States
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COUNCIL on DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN FY 2012-2016

Goals & Objectives

GOALS AREA: EMPLOYMENT
GOAL: People with developmental disabilities will have improved access to information of employment and entrepreneurial opportunities consistent with their interest, abilities and needs.

GOAL AREA: TRANSPORTATION
GOAL: People with developmental disabilities will have improved access to information on transportation services for work, school, medical, emergency, and perform other basic needs.

GOAL AREA: EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
GOAL: Increase access to Emergency and Disaster Preparedness information and education that will be provided to people with developmental disabilities and their families so they are informed in the event of a disaster.

GOAL AREA: SELF-ADVOCACY
GOAL I: Individuals with developmental disabilities will engage in activities that will help educate private and public establishments on how to improve the accessibility of their establishments.

GOAL II: People with developmental disabilities will feel confident and empowered to vocalize their opinions on issues that affect their lives in the community.

GOAL AREA: RESPITE CARE
GOAL: Family Members and/or caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities will have access to information about respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CNMI PL 14-36).

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The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CNMI CDD) is seeking comments on its amendments to the FY 2012-2016 Developmental Disabilities Basic Grant State Plan. Therefore, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities will be conducting public hearings on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota on how best the Council can and should serve all individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. During the public hearings, all persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, the general public will be provided the opportunity to review and offer comment or input on the State Plan Amendments of its FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN. All and any comments, recommendations or inputs given during these hearings will be incorporated in the State Plan Amendments. Your comments are important to work of the Council. Please submit your comments by June 7, 2013 using the one of the following options: Visit, mail, fax, email or call our office to submit comments.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities, P.O. Box 502565, Saipan MP 96950 - 1312 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan - (670) 664-7000/1 (670) 664-7030 Fax or 711 Telecommunication Relay Services or Email: cnmi.ddc@gmail.com

Schedule of Public Hearings

SAIPAN	TINIAN	ROTA
WHEN: May 28, 2013	**WHEN:** April 8, 2013	**WHEN:** April 04, 2013
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Center	**WHERE:** Fleming's Restaurant	**WHERE:** NMC Rota Campus
TIME: 6:00pm to 7:00pm	**TIME:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm	**TIME:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: If you require reasonable accommodation (e.g., large print, sign language interpreter) to participate in the Public Hearing, please contact the CNMI DD COUNCIL Office at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting to make necessary arrangements. Alternative formats of the proposed 5 Year State Plan is available upon request.

Pamela C. Sablan, Executive Director of CNMI DD COUNCIL

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: IFB13-CHCC-115

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 03, 2013 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: IFB13-CHCC-108

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 03, 2013 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PORTABLE ULTRASOUND MACHINE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

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World

UN General Assembly approves Syria resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly approved an Arab-backed resolution Wednesday calling for a political transition in Syria, but more than 70 countries refused to vote "yes" because of its support for the main opposition group and fears the resolution could torpedo a new U.S.-Russia effort to end the escalating conflict.

The United States co-sponsored the resolution, saying it would promote a political solution. But key Syrian ally Russia urged a "no" vote, saying it was "counterproductive and irresponsible" to promote a one-sided resolution when Moscow and Washington are trying to get the Syrian government and opposition to agree to negotiations.

The resolution, which is not legally binding though it can carry moral weight, was approved by a vote of 107-12 with 59 abstentions.

It welcomes the establishment of the Syrian National Coalition, the main opposition group, "as effective interlocutors needed for a political transition" and notes "wide international acknowledgment" that the group is the legitimate representative of the Syrian people. It also strongly condemns President Bashar Assad's regime for its escalating use of heavy weapons and "gross violations" of human rights.

The Arab group decided to seek approval of a wide-ranging resolution on Syria in the General Assembly, where there are no vetoes, to reflect international dismay at the increasing death toll, now more than 70,000, and the failure to end the more than two-year-old conflict.

Unlike Security Council resolutions, which are legally binding, General Assembly resolutions cannot be enforced. But approval of an assembly resolution would counter the paralysis of the deeply divided Security Council, where Syria's allies, Russia and China, have vetoed three Western-backed resolutions aimed at pressuring Assad to end the violence.

General Assembly President Vuk Jeremic told the 193-member world body that "what happens in Syria in the weeks and months ahead will profoundly bear upon the security and well-being of the entire region, and possibly beyond."

MASS EVACUATION AP

Boys look out from their shelter at a refugee camp in Sittwe, western Myanmar, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. A mass evacuation is taking place to clear low-lying camps in coastal areas of Bangladesh and Myanmar as the approaching cyclone Mahasen is predicted to make landfall late Thursday or early Friday, according to news reports. The mass evacuation has run into a problem as members of the displaced Rohingya minority have refused to leave because they don't trust Myanmar authorities.

WORLD BRIEFS

Russia says alleged spying case was 2nd this year

MOSCOW (AP)—A Russian security services operative—his features bathed in shadows—went on state television Wednesday to claim that the U.S. diplomat who was ordered out of the country was the second American expelled this year over spying allegations. The anonymous operative said the CIA had failed to halt this "disturbing activity" despite Moscow asking it to do so. The TV report came one day after Russia ordered Ryan Fogle, a third secretary at the U.S. Embassy, to leave the country after the Federal Security Service claimed to have caught him red-handed trying to recruit a Russian agent in Moscow. The agency, known by the initials FSB, alleged that Fogle worked for the CIA.

Cambodian shoe factory collapse kills 2, injures 7

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—The ceiling of a shoe factory in Cambodia collapsed while several dozen workers were inside the building early Thursday, killing at least two people and possibly trapping more under the debris, police said. The ceiling is believed to have caved under the weight of heavy iron equipment being stored on the floor above, police officer Khem Pannara said. Two bodies have been pulled from the wreckage and at least seven people were injured in the factory south of the capital, Phnom Penh, he said. Pannara said it was unclear how many people still are under the collapsed area. Chea Muny, chief of a trade union for factory workers, identified the factory as a Taiwanese-owned operation called "Wing Star" that produces shoes imported to the United States and Europe.

Nepal plane crash injures 21, including 9 Japanese

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A plane crashed while trying to land at a mountain airstrip in northern Nepal early Thursday, injuring all 21 people on board. Four of the injured are in critical condition, police officer Bhim Bahadur Chand said. No one was killed. Nine passengers are Japanese tourists, and the three crew members and the other passengers are all Nepali. The plane belonging to state-owned Nepal Airlines was trying to land at Jomsom airport, some 200 kilometers (125 miles) northwest of Katmandu, when it crashed on the banks of Kaligandaki river. The injured were rushed to the local hospital, and those with serious injuries are being airlifted to nearby Pokhara town for treatment.

Manila issues fresh apology for Taiwan death

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—The Philippine president apologized to Taiwan for the fatal shooting of a Taiwanese fisherman by Philippine coast guard personnel, after Taiwan rejected an earlier Philippine apology and started retaliating diplomatically.

In a subsequent statement late Wednesday, Taiwan's premier called the apology "a positive move," but said a series of sanctions imposed by Taipei on Manila to protest the action would remain in effect. A previously scheduled military exercise involving the coast guard, the navy and the air force went ahead Thursday in the Bashi Strait, in the general area where the Taiwanese fishing vessel was fired on.

Last week's shooting in waters both sides claim has focused renewed attention on territorial disputes involving multiple nations—including China—in and around the South China Sea, now one of the region's most tense areas.

In Washington, the State Department said it was concerned by the increase in tensions "between two neighboring democracies and close partners of the United States." It welcomed the Philippine pledge to investigate the shooting and cooperate with Taiwanese investigators, and urged both parties to avoid further escalation in tensions.

"We want them to work through their differences on this issue as expeditiously as they can," spokesman Patrick Ventrell told reporters.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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This is a public notice to the residence of Tinian that CDA Loan Manager, Oscar Camacho will be on Tinian on Friday, May 17, 2013. He will be at the Department of Commerce's office from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Clients or individuals seeking assistance from CDA may drop by Commerce's office at these times.

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The auction will take place on **Friday, May 17, 2013** beginning 2:00 PM Local Time until 5:00 PM. All bidders submitting the highest itemized bid for the vehicle and equipment listed are required to pay 20% down payment on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at CPA Rota Airport Office within five (5) working days from closing date of the Public Auction. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check or money order payable to Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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Executive Director

5th Year Death Anniversary

We, the family of the late

†Emery Joseph Inos Pangelinan

Cordially invite relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the 5th year death anniversary of our beloved EJ.

Masses are being offered at St. Jude Church as follows:
Saturday, May 18, 2013, 7:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 19, 2013, 6:00 a.m.
Monday – Friday, May 20 – 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 25, 2013, 7:00 a.m.

On the final day, Sunday, May 26, 2013, Eucharistic Celebration will be at 6:00 a.m., St. Jude Church. Holy Rosary will be recited at the residence of Ms. Judith Inos Pangelinan at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner.

Thank you for your prayers

Judith Inos Pangelinan and family

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Tiny camera in Illinois offers bug's eye view

URBANA, Ill. (AP)—A tiny new camera developed at an Illinois university is giving researchers a bug's eye view. The camera created by a research team at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is about the size of a penny and mimics insects' bulging eyes. It features 180 micro-lenses, giving it a panoramic field of view and the ability to focus simultaneously on objects at different depths. Team leader John Rogers is a professor of material science and chemistry and says he's been fascinated by bug's eyes since childhood. Their wide field of view helps insects like bees and flies escape dangers like humans who want to swat them.

Deer smashes Pa. bus windshield, takes short ride

OHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A deer has taken a ride on a western Pennsylvania bus. The Johnstown Tribune-Democrat newspaper reports the white-tailed deer crashed through the windshield of a public bus being driven Tuesday evening in Johnstown, about 65 miles east of Pittsburgh. The deer hopped around frantically near the driver before jumping on empty seats and running in circles in the aisle. Authorities say the driver stopped the bus and opened the door and the deer got off. Cambria County transportation spokesman Josh Yoder says it "just walked off the bus." The bus was carrying one passenger, who was seated in the back far from the deer.

Stinky corpse flower blooms again at Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A large rainforest plant known as a corpse flower because of its awful smell has bloomed again at an Ohio State University greenhouse, and there's more excitement because another corpse flower there is expected to open soon, a spokeswoman said. A 6-foot titan arum, nicknamed Woody after Buckeyes football coach Woody Hayes, opened Tuesday to reveal its bold, reddish-purple color and release its rotting-flesh smell a little over two years after it first flowered. A second corpse flower opened briefly at the greenhouse last May, and a third is expected to open for the first time in seven to 10 days, spokeswoman Sandi Rutkowski said.

NYPD officer tries to help cat in tree, gets stuck

NEW YORK (AP)—Authorities say a New York police officer who went after a cat stuck in a tree got caught himself and needed a little help getting back down to the ground. The Fire Department of New York says it happened Monday afternoon in Queens. A call came in that a man attempting to get a cat out of a tree had gotten stuck. Fire department personnel used a bucket ladder to get the man and the cat down. The fire department says the man is a police officer. The New York Police Department has no comment.

Conn. chef set to feast on cicadas during invasion

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Connecticut chef Bun Lai is already known for his Mexican grasshopper dish and his fried rice with meal worms and crickets. But he might soon also be recognized as the cicada chef. Lai, owner of Miya's Sushi, tells the New Haven Register that he plans to fill a big freezer full of Brood II cicadas, once the red-eyed bugs' 17-year life cycle brings them above ground for about five weeks. "I'm going to catch a whole bunch of them and preserve them for future eating," he said. "I plan on eating a whole bunch of them myself." Lai said cicadas, and insects in general have great nutritional value and are "healthier for our bodies than eating meat."

IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We, the family of the late

†Juan S. Dela Cruz

Born on March 06, 1955 and was called to his eternal rest on May 02, 2013.

Wish to extend our deepest and warmest appreciation to all our relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you showed us during our greatest and most painful time of sorrow. Your thoughtful prayers, comfort, and unending support and other considerate acts of grace did much to calm the ache in our hearts and may time lessen our pain as memories gently turn tears to smiles. We acknowledge and cherish the time you devoted to us, your kindness has touched us all and we will forever remember you. May God bless us all.

Our special thanks to CHC Staff, Asian Hospital & Medical Center Staff, Borja Funeral Home, Father Ryan, Father Jesse, Tun Ko Palacios, the alter servers, our prayer leader Mrs. Jerilyn Teregeyo, and the St. Jude Choir.

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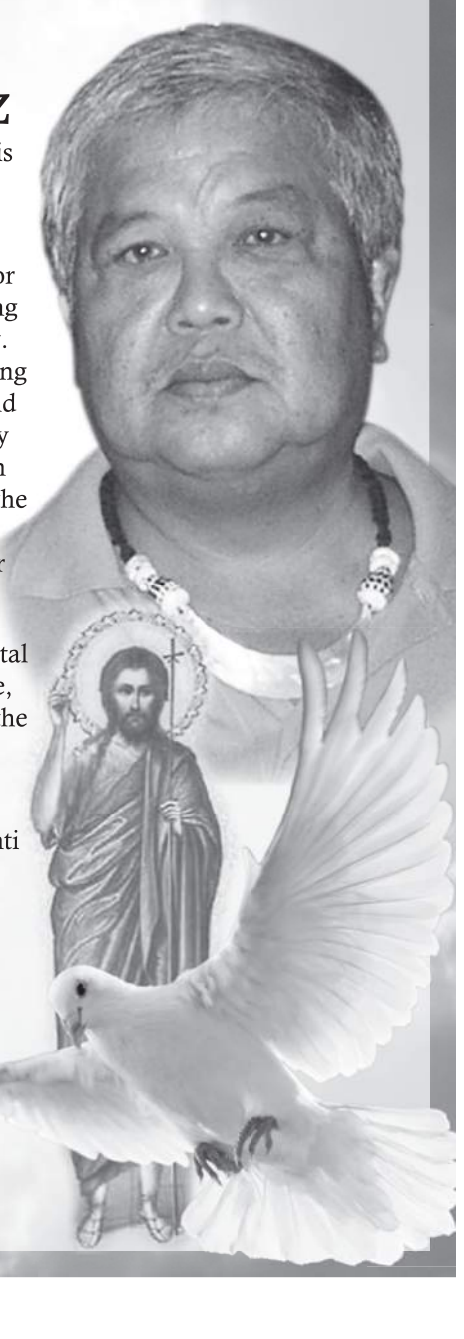
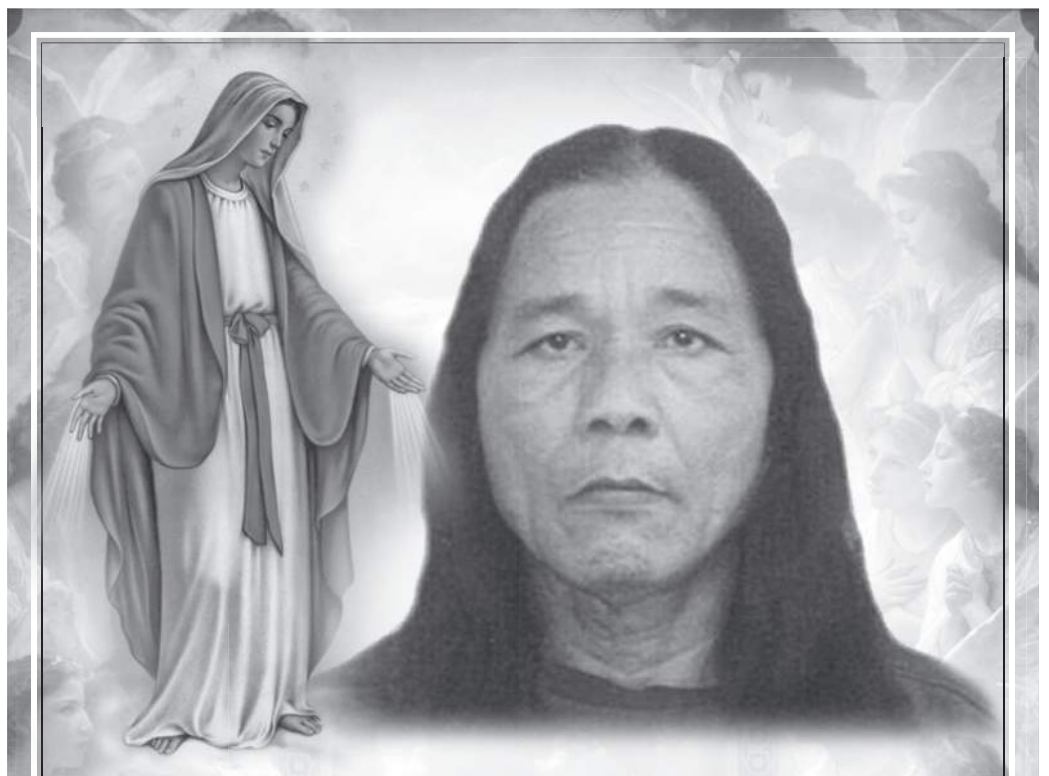




Francisco Reyes Santos

also known as Ko' Pale'
May 01, 1957 – May 12, 2013

This is to inform all our relatives and friends that Francisco Reyes Santos, the son of the late Pedro Hocog Santos and Rita Reyes Santos was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, May 12, 2013 at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Daily Mass is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m.

Final viewing will be on May 20, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., immediately followed by mass. Interment will be held at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.
Thank you and Si Yu'us ma'ase.

From the Family

Science & Technology

Google boosts its photo offerings to rival Facebook

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is digging deeper into its technology toolkit to turn its social networking service into a more formidable threat to Facebook, sprucing up its photo features at a time when sharing snapshots online and on mobile gadgets is growing more popular.

Many of the 41 new features being added to Google Plus beginning Wednesday will draw upon the computing power, machine learning, algorithms, semantics analysis and other innovations that established Google's search engine as the most influential force on the Internet.

"All of these features collectively put more of 'the Google' into Google Plus," said Vic Gundotra, Google's senior vice president of engineering, in an interview. "This will give people a powerful reason to come to Google Plus."

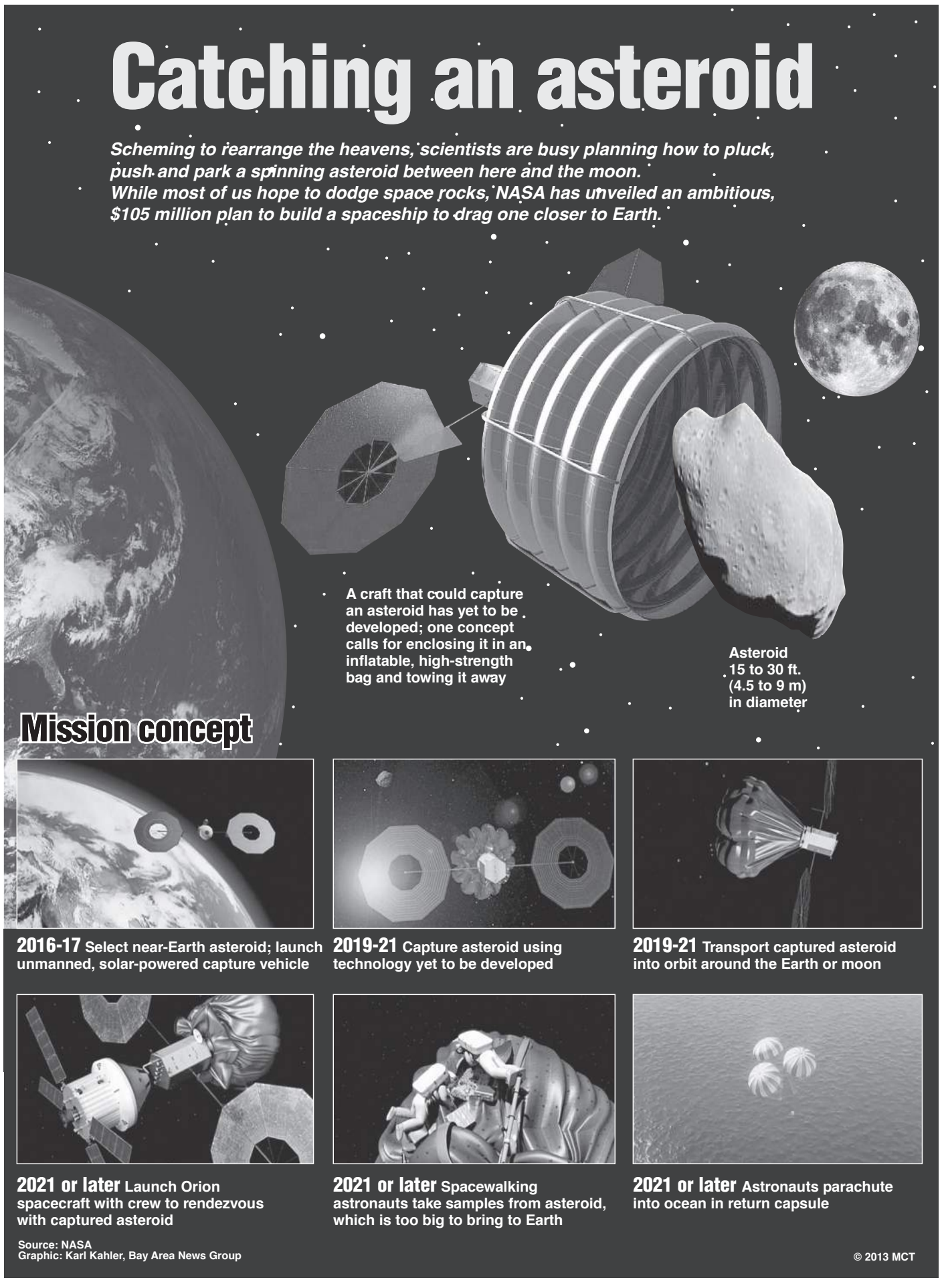
But the most compelling new attraction may be a new photo-management tool that promises to test how much control people want to cede to computers. It will also further blur the lines between a real moment in time and augmented reality.

Google promises the feature will pick out the best shots from a wide assortment of photos. The automatic photo selection is done by calling upon Google's knowledge of the elements that make up a visually pleasing picture, coupled with facial recognition technology and a vast database that helps tie together the relationships of people appearing in a photo. Google says its computers will recognize the best photos featuring family members or close friends of a person who uploads a bunch of pictures to Plus.

"You have amazing images of the most precious image of your life," Gundotra told a software developers conference Wednesday as he discussed the additions to Google Plus. "But if we are honest with each other photos are very labor intensive."

If the photos don't look quite right, Google is promising to enhance them, taking over a job that typically requires people to buy and master special photo editing software such as Adobe System Inc.'s Photoshop, Apple's iPhoto or Google's Picasa. Computer-controlled editing tools will automatically remove red eyes, soften skin tones, sharpen colors and adjust contrast. Google offers something similar through an "I'm Feeling Lucky" button on Picasa.

In an effort to get more photos onto the Plus network, Google is offering to back up all pictures taken on a mobile device, as soon as they're snapped. To accommodate the increased volume, Google Plus will now provide each account holder with up to 15 gigabytes of storage for full-resolution photos.


Catching an asteroid
Scheming to rearrange the heavens, scientists are busy planning how to pluck, push and park a spinning asteroid between here and the moon. While most of us hope to dodge space rocks, NASA has unveiled an ambitious, $105 million plan to build a spaceship to drag one closer to Earth.
A craft that could capture an asteroid has yet to be developed; one concept calls for enclosing it in an inflatable, high-strength bag and towing it away
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2021 or later Spacewalking astronauts take samples from asteroid, which is too big to bring to Earth
2021 or later Astronauts parachute into ocean in return capsule
Source: NASA
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STUMP THE GEEKS

Latest online scam alarms computer experts

By TYLER DUKES
THE NEWS & OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

It takes a lot to surprise the group of go-to geeks I frequently contact for this column.

Paul Rosenberg, for example, has experienced plenty of computer issues as the owner of the repair shop Love Your Computer in Chapel Hill, N.C. But when he received a call from a client about a scam combining elements of scareware, social engineering and outright fraud, he was concerned enough to alert me.

He's seen the scam work a few different ways, but the end result is that users are tricked into expensive service contracts after being told over the phone that their computers are on the verge of a meltdown.

They also seem to have specific targets in mind.

"Every single person I've received a call from about this is over 50," Rosenberg said. "They're calling older users and trying to dupe them."

One client, he says, received a call out of the blue one morning claiming to be from Microsoft. They told the man they received security alerts from his computer and that they could remotely access his system to fix it—for a price.

The technique is similar to that of "scareware," fake antivirus software that saw a huge rise in 2010. But the human element—a real person on the line asking to access your computer—takes the social engineering to another level.

"The bottom line is that they're manufacturing a crisis," Rosenberg told me last week.

There are less fraudulent ways for companies to push users toward pricey contracts.

Use Google to search for "Canon printer support" or "Microsoft support," and you'll notice the official company websites often appear under ad-supported options that offer toll-free numbers and "instant tech support." What you end up with is often something different.

"I have heard this story over and over again," Rosenberg said. "Most people get to the point where they're shaken down for $190 or whatever, and they stop."

I don't doubt that there are some legitimate tech support companies online that do help users and reach them through these paid Google links. But telling the difference between the good and bad actors can be difficult—especially for the average user.

I also have a problem with any company that tries to redirect users away from tech support they've already paid for. When you buy a printer from Canon or an operating system from Microsoft, tech support is built into the price. Remember that whenever someone proposes you fork over more of your hard-earned money for a fix.

Despite the brazen nature of these scams, avoiding them isn't difficult with a little guidance, the most important of which is to trust your instincts.

"If it smells fishy, it probably is," Rosenberg said.

No legitimate software company will ever contact you about malicious information they "noticed" on your computer, Rosenberg said, so it's safe to disregard messages like these wholesale.

When you're looking for tech support, go directly to the manufacturer. Most software has built-in support (the "help" menu, for example) that can lead you directly to the company's website without having to click on links in a suspicious email or a search engine.

"If you're trying to reach Microsoft, don't go to Google," Rosenberg said.

And pay special attention to the Web address. It's rare for a company not to own its own domain (check the part right before the ".com"), so imitators can be easy to spot that way.

It boils down, as it always does, to adopting a bit of healthy suspicion. I always find distrust is a good default setting.

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Life & Style

Harrison, Glover face off on 'Idol' finale

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Randy Jackson isn't sure which budding diva will take the crown on "American Idol."

The veteran judge of the Fox talent competition declared Wednesday's final performance round at the Nokia Theatre a dead heat after finalists Kree Harrison and Candice Glover each performed three songs.

"Dude, this is so close," beamed Jackson, who announced last week that he's leaving the panel after his 12th season. "Everybody go vote!"

At the beginning of the night, Jackson declared Glover, the 23-year-old vocal powerhouse from St. Helena Island, S.C., the winner of the first round, which tasked the finalists with performing a song selected by "Idol" executive producer Simon Fuller.

Glover tackled Adele's "Chasing Pavements," while 22-year-old country crooner Kree Harrison of Woodville, Texas, took on Sarah McLaughlan's "Angel."

"I love you, Simon Fuller, but I would not have chosen those songs," Jackson said.

In the second round, Glover and Harrison admirably performed their potential future singles. Glover was assigned an empowerment ballad called "I Am Beautiful," and Harrison was appointed an emotional country tune titled "All Cried Out."

"These are both soul singers," noted judge Keith Urban, who gave the round to Harrison.

However, fellow judge Nicki Minaj said Glover edged out Harrison, who reprised Patty Griffin's "Up to The Mountain" as her final song. She previously sang it during the Las Vegas round.

For her third round selection, Glover infused Ben E. King's "I (Who Have Nothing)" with an a cappella opening. Both women earned standing ovations from the judges for their reprisals.

"Whatever happens is tomorrow, and tonight we're just trying to have fun and sing our best for y'all," Harrison said earlier in the evening.

The contestant with the most viewer votes will be revealed Thursday.

Details of Jolie's breast treatment revealed

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

Angelina Jolie's mother had breast cancer and died of ovarian cancer, and her maternal grandmother also had ovarian cancer—strong evidence of an inherited, genetic risk that led the actress to have both of her healthy breasts removed to try to avoid the same fate, her doctor said Wednesday.

Jolie, 37, revealed on Tuesday that she carries a defective BRCA1 gene that puts her at high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer. She had mastectomies in February followed by reconstruction with implants in April, Dr. Kristi Funk said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Jolie

Funk treated Jolie at the Pink Lotus Breast Center in Beverly Hills and detailed her care on the center's website. She would not disclose when Jolie learned she carried the faulty gene, which gives a woman up to an 87 percent lifetime risk of developing breast cancer and up to a 54 percent chance of ovarian cancer.

"This family history would certainly meet any insurance carrier's criteria to cover genetic testing," Funk wrote.

It is unclear whether Jolie will have her ovaries removed, although she wrote in her oped piece in the *New York Times* that she "started with the breasts" because they posed the highest cancer risk.

Removing the ovaries is often advised for women with such gene mutations, said Dr. Charis Eng, a medical geneticist and cancer specialist at the Cleveland Clinic who had no role in Jolie's care.

"We usually say 'try to have your kids'" and then have your ovaries removed by age 40, Eng said. It's not possible to remove every speck of breast tissue, but removing the breasts and ovaries leaves very little behind that could develop cancer, so it dramatically lowers a woman's risks, she explained.

On the surgery center's website, Funk described Jolie's three operations, which were done through the crease underneath each breast. Jolie's partner, actor Brad Pitt, "was on hand to greet her as soon as she came around from the anesthetic, as he was during each of the operations," Funk wrote.

On Feb. 2, Jolie had a procedure aimed at preserving the nipples, which usually are removed when a mastectomy is done to treat breast cancer. Half of the skin is lifted from the surface of the breast tissue and a small disc of tissue is taken to be checked for cancer.

Geneva auction sells huge diamond for $26.7M

GENEVA (AP)—A huge diamond unearthed in Botswana commanded an unearthly price of $26.7 million from Christie's auction house Wednesday amid the spring ritual of well-heeled bidders flocking or phoning in to Geneva's luxury sales.

The pear-shaped gem accounted for more than a quarter of the $102 million in sales rung up by Christie's Wednesday night, a night after Sotheby's had $78 million in sales.

"A perfect diamond commands a perfect price," Christie's trumpeted on Twitter of the record sale price for the largest D-color flawless diamond ever offered at auction—a whopping 101.73 carats that took 21 months to polish.

Jewelry, watches and other luxury items are sold every spring by the big auction houses at Geneva's elegant lakefront hotels—seemingly a world away from some European countries whose economies are shrinking as their governments enact often tough budget austerity measures to get a handle on their debts.

Sotheby's auction featured a diamond jewelry collection belonging to Italian screen actress Gina Lollobrigida that fetched $4.9 million, some of which she plans to donate to stem cell research.

AP
In this April 30, 2013 file picture a Christie's employee displays the largest colour flawless diamond, weighing 101.73 carats, during a preview at Christie's auction house in Geneva, Switzerland.

The auction house said eight bidders fought for Lollobrigida's pair of diamond and natural pearl earrings, which finally sold for more than $2.3 million and set a new auction record for such an item.

The 85-year-old actress, who starred opposite Humphrey Bogart, Frank Sinatra and other top actors in the 1950s and 1960s, said she was selling the jewelry partly to fund an international hospital for stem cell treatment.

Sotheby's also sold a 74.53-carat fancy yellow diamond that once belonged to Ahmad Shah Qajar, the shah of Persia from 1909 to 1925 and the last ruler of the Qajar dynasty. Its sale for nearly $3 million set both an auction record and a record price per carat—an eye-popping $40,061 per carat—for a fancy yellow diamond.

Among other items auctioned off Tuesday night was Barcelona soccer star Lionel Messi's Audemars Piguet No. 10 Royal Oak Chronograph wristwatch, which sold for $81,850 to raise money for the four-time FIFA player of the year's foundation.

RV's on highways this summer will need extra room to roam

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: It's vacation time again, time to hit the road in the RV. Please make your readers aware that people driving motorhomes, towing fifth-wheel trailers and travel trailers CANNOT stop as quickly as a small car or truck.

When people cut in front of an RV or a large truck and slam on their brakes, it puts many people's lives in danger. There is a reason we leave that large space between our RV and the vehicle in front of us. It provides us room to stop as well as the ability to see what's happening in the traffic ahead.

Your readers should also know that even though we RV-ers have mirrors and possibly rear video cameras, there are many blind spots—especially if the car behind us is following too close or weaving in and out of lanes.

The bottom line is: Be safe. Be courteous. Drive like your life and the lives of others are in your control because it is literally true.

HAPPY CAMPER, PASCO, WASH.

DEAR HAPPY CAMPER: I'm glad you wrote because I have received several letters recently, asking me to alert my readers about the risk of driving too close to RVs and fifth-wheel vehicles. Too many motorists don't realize that it's impossible to stop suddenly while pulling a load that weighs several tons. A word to the wise ...

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DEAR ABBY: A woman here at work constantly asks to borrow money. The first time she did it, she caught me off guard and I gave her $20. The second time she sent me an email asking for a loan, I replied that I only had a few dollars.

I'm not the only person she asks. Five other people in our department have told me she has hit them up too. One of them reported her to our HR manager, but it hasn't stopped her. To be fair, she did return the $20 I loaned her, but isn't this akin to a hostile work environment?

We all avoid her because we know she'll ask for money, but we also have to work with her every day. Times are tough for everyone, and it's irritating that she thinks she's the only one with money problems.

Is there anything we can do short of ganging up on her and telling her to leave us all alone?

ALSO FEELING THE PINCH IN UTAH

DEAR ALSO FEELING THE PINCH: The next time the woman asks for a loan, tell her you're not in the loan business, and that you're not the only one who feels put upon. Suggest that unless she wants to become an outcast she will stop asking for money because it has made everyone uncomfortable. If she persists after that, report what she's doing to HR as a group.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who was raised Catholic. I'm not Catholic, and every time I attend a wedding or funeral for one of her family members I feel uncomfortable and awkward. I often sit in the very back pew to go unnoticed.

The Catholic Church offers beautiful, unique customs that I am simply ignorant about—like when to sit, kneel, recite, take bread, etc. I feel if I don't comply with customs at these events, I might come off as rude or disrespectful. On the other hand, if I do try, my ignorance may appear just as rude and disrespectful.

What is the right thing to do in situations like these? I want to be respectful of any religion.

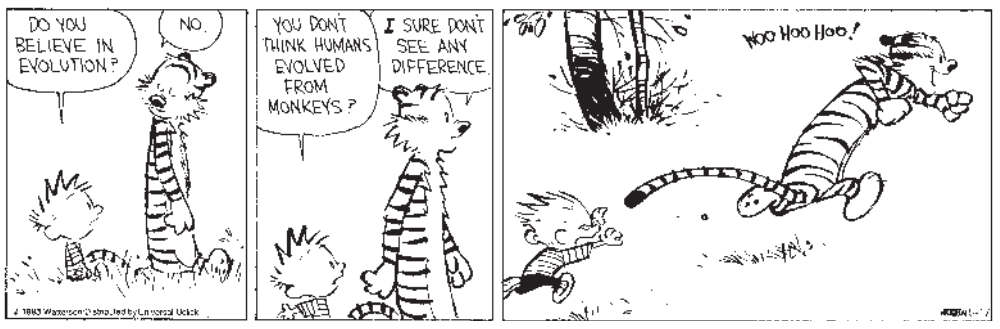
MANNERLY IN INDIANA

DEAR MANNERLY: No rule of etiquette demands that you participate in the rituals of another person's religion. If you feel uncomfortable sitting while others kneel or stand, then follow their lead. Or, continue to sit quietly at the back of the church as you are doing, which is perfectly acceptable. However, only members of the congregation in good standing should take communion.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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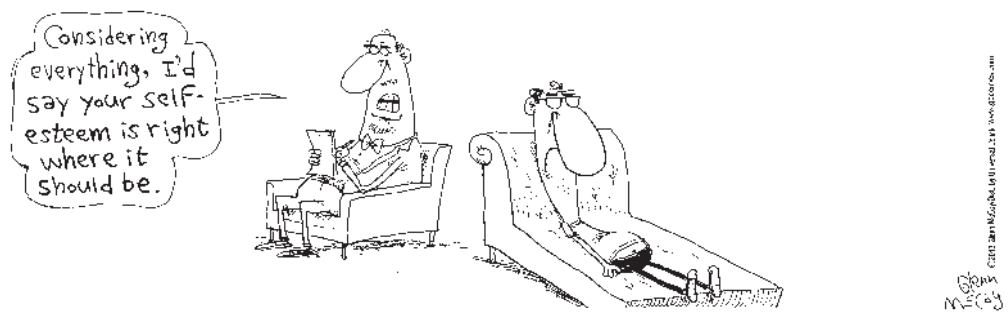
I'M WRITING YOU A PRESCRIPTION FOR AN ANTIBIOTIC.
IT'S VERY EFFECTIVE, BUT CAN CAUSE HAIR LOSS AND SWELLING OF THE NOSE AND ABDOMEN.
TOUGH AUDIENCE. THAT USUALLY KILLS.
I AM AS GOD MADE ME.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Pythias' pal
6 Try the tea
9 Cleveland cager
12 Memorable mission
13 "— Little Teapot"
14 Blackbird
15 Make obscure
16 "Material Girl" singer
18 Bold alternative
20 Check
21 Dogtag wearers
23 — good deed
24 Founded (on)
25 Love god
27 Ill-suited
29 Praying bug
31 Tiny
35 Vote for
37 Prego rival
38 Start a rally
41 Moon vehicle acronym
43 — Perignon
44 Shaving cream additive
45 Cut aid
47 Insanity
49 Free of frost
52 Inseparable
53 Bullring bravo
54 Beetle Bailey's bully
55 Commotion
56 Trawler need
57 Hiker's route

DOWN
1 Slight touch
2 Hearty quaff
3 Wisconsin's capital
4 Leave out
5 Wanderer
6 Ape
7 Apple product
8 Cushion
9 Christmas candies
10 Warbucks' ward
11 Food item
17 Speaker
19 Grown-up nit
21 Prized possession
22 A Gershwin brother
24 Morsel
26 Spielberg or Soderbergh
28 In the cards
30 — -de-France
32 Fortified Portuguese wine
33 "But — on forever": Tennyson
34 Summa — laude
36 Storage area
38 Pago Pago's place
39 Savanna grazer
40 Wild West show
42 Interior
45 Capri, e.g.
46 Approach
48 A billion years
50 Movie trickery (Abbr.)
51 Wet wriggler

Solution time: 25 mins.

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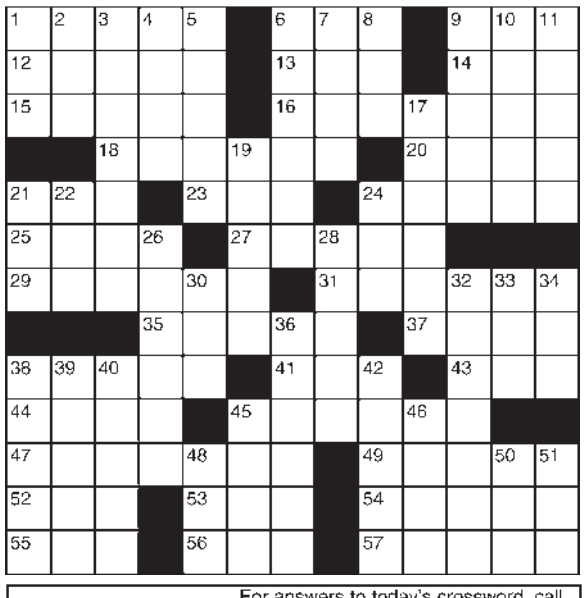
Yesterday's answer 5-17



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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Boost your confidence by getting into a self-improvement regime or sprucing up your wardrobe. Socialize and flirt with new ideas, prospects and challenges. Greater opportunity is within reach. Bring about positive change and enjoy the results. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Keep your head clear and your possessiveness or stubbornness in check. Listen carefully to what's being said or offered. An emotional response will not help you get what you want. Remain calm and do your research. Facts and figures cannot be disputed. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keep life simple and listen carefully. Sincerity will make it difficult for anyone to put pressure on you. Love and romance should be scheduled if you are in a relationship or looking for the perfect partner if you are not. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Closed-mindedness will keep you in the dark and lead to a poor choice. Offering a suggestion will bring better results than making demands. Make it clear you want to help, not take over. Personal uncertainty will lead to emotional confrontations. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): The information you gather will allow you to find solutions that will help you as well as others. Personal relationships look promising. Visiting someone, taking a mini vacation or spending time with someone special will enhance you life. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Listen carefully and respond mindfully. Don't let the serious side of life hold you hostage—follow your heart or a dream. Look for adventure or do something that will bring you personal gratification. Positive action will bring good results. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You may be given a false impression regarding what's being offered at an event, seminar or conference you want to attend. Set a strict budget and stick to it, especially if you are making home improvements or spending on entertainment. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): A contract, financial or legal matter must be handled in detail. Make sure you get all the information you require before you move forward. Emotional issues will surface if you have neglected to honor a promise. Nurture partnerships. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Travel and communication should highlight your day. Enjoying unique or unusual surroundings or taking on a challenge that gets your adrenaline flowing will inspire you to embrace change and new adventures. Love and romance are in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Financial problems will surface if you have given someone the authority to handle a job, contract or investment. Spend more time at home if it will help you improve your living space or the changes you want to pursue emotionally or physically. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Listen to your heart, but don't dismiss past experience when it comes to making a final decision regarding love, romance and your domestic situation. Anger will not help a situation that is causing confusion and uncertainty. Assess your situation honestly. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Face adversity head-on if you want to gain respect and the support you are looking for. Secret affairs will damage your reputation, and gossip will make others question your integrity. Concentrate on work and doing the best job possible. ✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		7	5	3				
						5		
	6		9	8				3
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/17

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	7	1	2	4	3	9	8	5
3	5	2	1	8	9	6	7	4
4	8	9	5	7	6	1	3	2
8	9	4	3	5	1	2	6	7
1	6	7	9	2	4	8	5	3
2	3	5	7	6	8	4	9	1
9	4	3	6	1	7	5	2	8
5	1	6	8	3	2	7	4	9
7	2	8	4	9	5	3	1	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/16

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By DAVID OUELLET

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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v.	]	
MA. CAROLINE GARON, Defendants.	]	**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 24, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and leasehold interest of Defendant in and to the following real property:

Lot 010 K 217, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987 as Document No. 87-2909 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

1. Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant), and will be held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2013**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m. at the entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan.** Registration for the auction sale will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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DATED, this 6th day of May, 2013.

/s/ Micheline W. Brel
MICHELINE W. BREL, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	]	**FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0197**
Anselom Shirai Petitioner	]	**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 13, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

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Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate **$2,590,000.00** in LIHTCs for the 2013 program year; in addition, NMHC has **$2,562,097** under the State's Unused Housing Credit Ceiling Carryover Allocation.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhc.gov.mp.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **$1,000.00 Application Fee** in NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, August 30, 2013**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **September 16, 2013**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **September 30, 2013**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **October 2013** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs thirty (30) days following the October 2013 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

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WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: May 17, 2013 **POSITION:** Lifeguard (full time & part-time)
CLOSE DATE: May 24, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Obtaining a lifeguard certification may be required for continued employment. Must have friendly and outgoing personality.

OPEN DATE: May 17, 2013 **POSITION:** Cook
CLOSE DATE: May 24, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) year experience in culinary experience. Applicants with formal training/ education in culinary arts strongly preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment.

OPEN DATE: May 17, 2013 **POSITION:** Mechanic
CLOSE DATE: May 24, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage/Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum of two years of formal mechanical experience or mechanical training highly preferred.

OPEN DATE: May 17, 2013 **POSITION:** Accountant
CLOSE DATE: May 24, 2013 **SALARY:** Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years experience in accounting strongly preferred. Minimum two years experience as a supervisory level employee in the field of accounting or business operations highly preferred. A certified public accountant qualification preferred but not required.

OPEN DATE: May 17, 2013 **POSITION:** Water Park Supervisor
CLOSE DATE: May 24, 2013 **SALARY:** Minimum Wage / Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two year experience in hotel outlet operations, and Water Park management/supervision highly preferred.

For more information, please contact Human Resources Office at (670) 234-5900 ext. 575/576.

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

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AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Procurement and Delivery of Thirty (30) Proximity Fire Coats and Proximity Fire Pants for the Saipan International Airport Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department
Project No. CPA-RFP-005-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for procurement and delivery of thirty (30) brand new Globe G-XCEL Proximity Jacket and thirty (30) Globe Proximity Fire Pants to the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all shipping and handling charges and taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract, including excise tax. Size information can be picked up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Saipan International Airport's Arrival Terminal. Additional details are as follows:

Globe G-XCEL Proximity Jacket
1. NFPA Compliant
2. Up to 32" Length
3. Seven (7) ounce PBI/Kevlar Aluminized Outer Shell
4. 82 Aralite NP Quilt Thermal Liner
5. CrossTech 2 Moisture Barrier
6. Zipper Inner Closure/Velcro Outer Closure
7. Dual Action Cargo Pockets, 9" x 9" with Hand Warmers
8. Self-Material Reinforced Elbows
9. PBI Hand and Wrist Guards
10. 13P Radio Pocket on Left Chest, 3" x 3.5" x 9" with Antenna Notch on Left Side
11. DRD Drag Rescue Device
12. Telescoping Cuffs
13. Action Back
14. Thermally Enhanced Upper Body and Elbows
15. 12" Throat Tab
16. All other standard features of the G-X-CEL
17. Up to Size 58

Globe Proximity Fire Pants
1. NFPA Compliant
2. Seven (7) Ounce PBIO/Kevlar Aluminized Outer Shell
3. 82 Aralite Thermal Liner
4. Stedair Moisture Barrier
5. 6" Back Bib
6. 2" x 10" x 10" Cargo Pockets
7. Expansion Knees
8. Flared Leg Design
9. Arashield Cuffs
10. Reverse Boot Cut
11. Replaceable Self Material Knees with Sewn on Frame
12. "H" Back Suspenders
13. Up to Size 58

CPA will not accept any substitutions to the specified jackets and pants. Proposers shall submit based on the specifications listed above only. Any proposals with substitutions will not be entertained.

One original and three copies of proposal must be in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description and submitted to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, June 10, 2013.**

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Delivery timeframe;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format); and
- Valid CNMI Business License.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com by no later than Friday, May 24, 2013.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO Date: May 16, 2013
Executive Director

Heat rally past Bulls to advance, 94-91

MIAMI (AP)—The tape around Dwyane Wade's right knee was soaked with sweat and beginning to loosen, so he headed to the locker room to get the joint re-wrapped during the fourth quarter.

Must have been one amazing tape job.

Wade was brilliant down the stretch—and the Miami Heat are heading back to the Eastern Conference finals as a result.

LeBron James scored 23 points, Wade added 18 and the Heat clawed back from an 11-point second-half deficit to beat the Chicago Bulls 94-91 on Wednesday night and close out their second-round series in five games.

"We gave it everything we had," James said. "I have no energy left."

The Heat outscored Chicago 25-14 in the fourth quarter to escape and advance.

"I knew it was going to be a tough fourth quarter," Wade said. "I just wanted to make sure I was good."

Wade made all three of his shots in the fourth, scored six points—his most in a final period since March 27, when Miami's 27-game winning streak ended at Chicago—and helped ice the victory with a dazzling 45-second blitz in the final moments.

In that span alone, Wade had a blocked shot, defensive rebound, offensive rebound and putback dunk to help cap a wild night of wild comebacks. The Heat blew an early 18-point lead, then engineered a late rally to finish off the depleted Bulls.

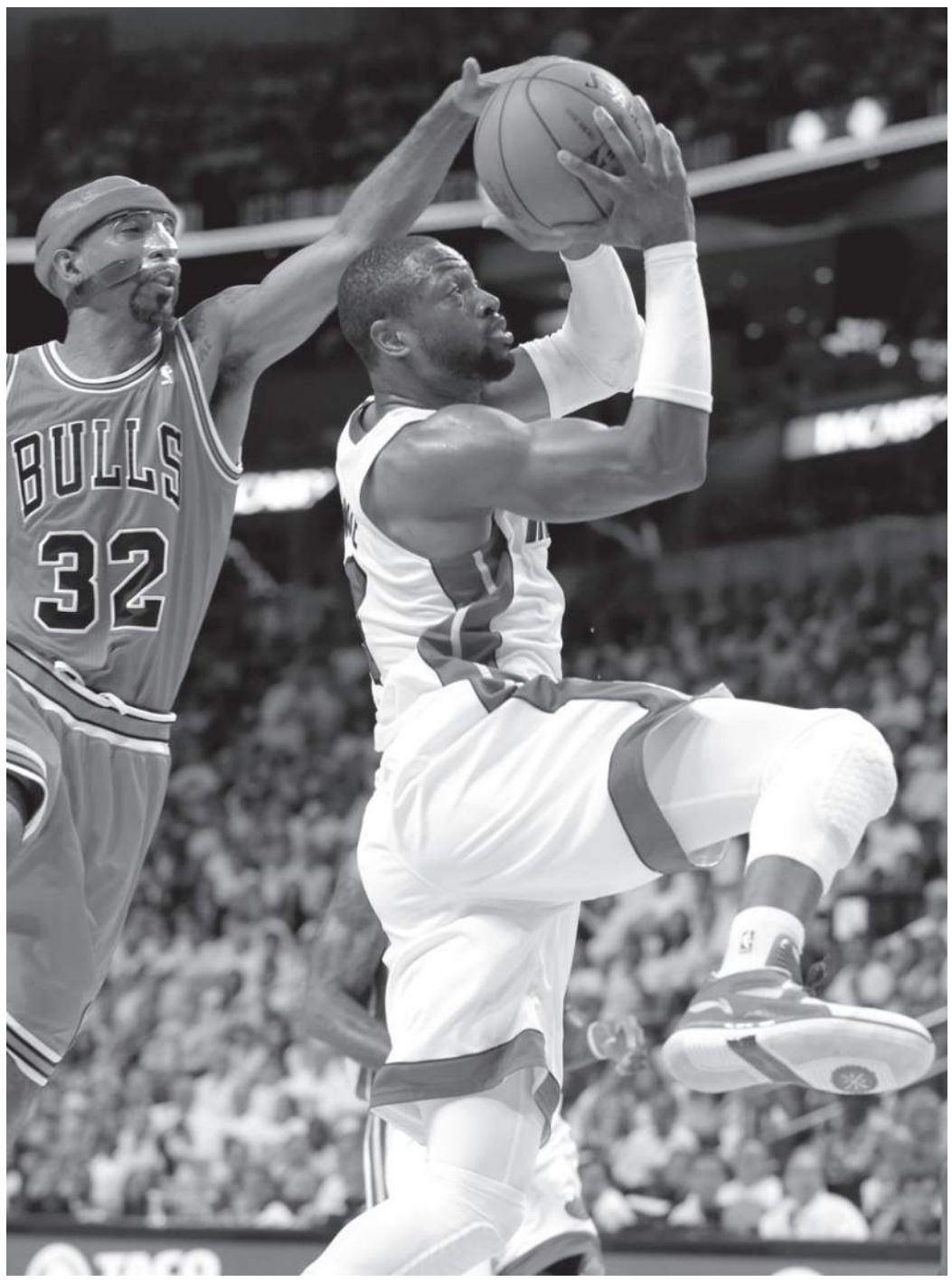
"Dwyane is uncanny," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "When the competition is at its highest, and its fiercest, he finds a way."

The Bulls still had two chances on their last possession to force overtime. But Nate Robinson and Jimmy Butler missed 3-pointers, time expired, and Miami moved on to face Indiana or New York next week.

Carlos Boozer finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who were without Derrick Rose for the 99th straight game, as well as Kirk Hinrich (calf) and Luol Deng (illness). Robinson scored 21 points, Butler had 19, and Richard Hamilton 15 for the Bulls, who dropped the final four games of the series.

"Obviously we're disappointed in losing the series," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. "But I was never disappointed in our team. I thought our team fought hard all year long. There was no quit in them."

A team that played without the 2011 NBA MVP in Rose, and dealt with a slew of other issues along the way, was within a couple shots from forcing the reigning champions to fly back to Chicago for a Game 6 on Friday night.



AP

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, right, shoots as Chicago Bulls' Richard Hamilton (32) defends during the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, in Miami.

"We've got warriors here," Boozer said. "If we're healthy next season, we're going to be pretty good."

The Heat say they have more than a few of those warrior-types as well, including Wade. When the stakes were highest Wednesday, he was there for the Heat.

"I'll go on and on about how great he is," James said. "I really don't care for the trash talk that he receives."

For the Bulls, it was a sudden end to a season in which they never had their best player.

Rose was the NBA's MVP in 2011, but has now missed 126 of the Bulls' last 155 games with a variety of ailments—most seriously, the one where his knee gave way in Game 1 of Chicago's first-round series against Philadelphia in April 2012.

"He has to keep working," Thibodeau said. "I think he's in a pretty good place mentally. ... We feel good about where he is. He has the whole summer to build more confidence. That's the important thing."

Chicago was up by eight entering the fourth, before Shane Battier opened the period with a 3-pointer for Miami. Another 3-pointer from Battier came not long afterward, and he connected on a pair of free throws after being fouled on a 3-point try to cut Chicago's lead to 81-79.

Norris Cole had a pair of baskets, the second being a driving, left-handed dunk, to put Miami on top, and the Heat found a way to close it out from there, even though it wasn't easy, by any measure.

Robinson's 3-pointer with 1:43 left got the Bulls to 94-91. No one scored again, even though there were plenty of chances both ways.

"I had a good couple of minutes," Wade said. "I knew they've seen a lot of LeBron and Norris. I knew they weren't prepared for me to attack, which is what I was able to do."

Miami will open the East finals at home next week. If Indiana beats New York on Thursday—the Pacers lead that series 3-1—then the Heat and Pacers will meet in Game 1 in Miami on Monday. If the Knicks extend the Pacers to at least six games, then the East finals open Wednesday, regardless of opponent.

"It only gets more difficult and more challenging," Spoelstra said.

Miami led 22-4 just past the midpoint of the opening quarter. Since the start of Game 4, in barely over 53 minutes of play, the Heat had outscored the Bulls by 41 points. Everyone in the building—except for the 20 or so guys in red uniforms or wearing suits on the Chicago bench—had to be thinking that the series was over.

And then Game 5 turned into a microcosm of the Bulls' season. They were unfazed, unflappable, unrelenting in the face of being counted out.

"We kept fighting," Joakim Noah said. "And kept fighting."

The Bulls kept getting stops on one end, making baskets on the other. Butler's 3-pointer with 4:46 left in the half gave Chicago its first advantage of the night, 38-36.

To recap, the game started with a 22-4 Heat run—and in the 13 minutes that immediately followed, the Bulls rebutted with a 34-14 burst.

By halftime, it was 53-47. In the third, after Chicago briefly led by 11—remember, they were down 18, making that a 29-point turnaround—the Bulls took a 77-69 edge into the final 12 minutes.

"We grinded it out," Boozer said. "We had chances. We just fell a little bit short."

And Miami moved on, now halfway home in its quest for a second straight title.

Grizzlies 88, Thunder 84

In Oklahoma City, with their trademark grit-and-grind mentality, the Memphis Grizzlies are making history for a franchise with little prior postseason success.

Zach Randolph had 28 points and 14 rebounds, Mike Conley added 13 points and 11 assists and the fifth-seeded Grizzlies advanced to the Western Conference finals for the first time in franchise history by beating the Oklahoma City Thunder 88-84 on Wednesday night.

"This is the first time, so it definitely means a lot. I'm happy, but we've still got work to do," Randolph said. "I want to win a ring."

The Grizzlies, who got swept out of the playoffs in their first three trips and had won just one postseason series before this season, have already made it farther than ever before but still aren't satisfied.

"We're trying to do something really special. We want to go as far as we can go," coach Lionel Hollins said. "To get there, we had to get through Oklahoma City. And now, we have to get through either Golden State or San Antonio to get further."

In a series filled with games that went down to the wire, the finale fit right in—even though the Thunder trailed by 12 with 3 minutes left.

Kevin Durant missed a 16-foot jumper from the left wing to tie it with 6 seconds left, finishing off a miserable shooting night for the three-time NBA scoring champion. Durant ended up with 21 points on 5-for-21 shooting, the third-worst performance of his playoff career.

"I gave it all I had for my team. I left it all out there on the floor," Durant said. "I missed 16 shots, but I kept fighting, I kept being aggressive. That's all I can ask for."

The Thunder, who made it to the NBA Finals last season, were eliminated in five games. The top seed in the West went 2-6 after All-Star guard Russell Westbrook had knee surgery two games into the first round.

"I believe in our guys. I'm disappointed we didn't win this series. I felt that we were good enough to win this series," coach Scott Brooks said.

Serge Ibaka had 17 points and eight rebounds before fouling out with 1:26 to play during a desperation comeback try for the Thunder. Reggie Jackson's 3-pointer finished off the 16-6 rally, cutting the deficit to 86-84 with 14.3 seconds remaining.

Randolph missed both free throws with 11.3 seconds on the clock to give the Thunder one last chance to save their season. Durant got the ball beyond the 3-point line on the left wing and navigated around Tony Allen before missing the jumper.

"That's the shot that we wanted. ... That's the shot I will live with 100 times out of 100 times," Brooks said.

Allen got the rebound, was fouled and made two free throws to close it out.

After letting a 14-point lead get trimmed to two, the Grizzlies regained control with a 12-2 run to start the fourth quarter and go up 76-64 with 6:03 remaining. Randolph had seven points during the stretch, including five from the foul line.

It was just a big enough cushion to finish off a series of games that all came down to the wire. The first three games featured a go-ahead basket in the final two minutes, and Game 4 went to overtime. Memphis won the final four games.

"They fought hard, they did everything that they could. Tonight, they really came back in the second half and just kept coming, kept coming," Hollins said. "We just were fortunate to just make enough plays to win the game. That's the way we've been all year, but we'll take it. They battled us and gave us everything they had."

The Thunder fell to 1-4 in elimination games over the past four seasons. Two of Durant's worst performances came in those games, with a 5-for-23 outing against the Lakers in Game 6 of the 2010 first-round. His worst shooting performance in the postseason was against the Grizzlies in Game 6 of the 2011 West semifinals.

Durant played all 48 minutes.

"He wasn't going down. He didn't want to sit and watch and go down," Brooks said. "He wanted to play."

Oklahoma City got a breath of life with a bizarre play midway through the third quarter when Derek Fisher's missed 3-pointer turned into a four-point possession. Allen, who was on the bench, waved his arms to try and distract Fisher on his shot and a shirt slipped out of his hands and onto the floor near Fisher's feet.

Referee Marc Davis ruled that Fisher's 3-pointer should count, and Durant hit the free throw resulting from a technical against Allen to get the Thunder within 60-53. Oklahoma City got as close as 64-62 by the end of the quarter, after Fisher's 3-pointer and a layup by Thabo Sefolosha.

But the Thunder missed eight of their first nine shots to start the fourth quarter to fall behind by 12, then couldn't quite recover with their star struggling so badly.

"He really wanted to carry his team. He was back home, he was trying to get a win tonight and he came out really trying," Hollins said. "Throughout the course of the series, we just tried to put pressure on him, keep fresh bodies on him. ... They had to play him and he had to be the go-to guy, and we knew that. We just tried to just make him work for everything."

Ibanez hits slam and 2-run homer in Mariners' rout

NEW YORK (AP) — Raul Ibanez again treated Yankee Stadium as his personal playground, hitting a grand slam and two-run homer Wednesday night to help the Seattle Mariners rout New York 12-2.

Ibanez's slam came during a seven-run first inning. Yankees backup shortstop Alberto Gonzalez got the final out in the ninth inning in his first professional pitching appearance.

The Mariners chased Phil Hughes (2-3) after he got only two outs in the first. Trying to preserve his bullpen, Yankees manager Joe Girardi had Brett Marshall throw 108 pitches in his big league debut, then brought in Gonzalez.

Red Sox 9, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jon Lester stayed unbeaten, Stephen Drew hit his second career grand slam and the Boston Red Sox roughed up AL Cy Young winner David Price and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Price (1-4) departed from the marquee pitching matchup because of left triceps tightness during Boston's eight-run third inning, which Drew finished with his towering homer off Jamey Wright.

Coming off a one-hit, complete game shutout of Toronto, Lester (6-0) allowed two runs in seven innings to help end the Rays' season-best six-game winning streak.

Rangers 6, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Nelson Cruz hit a three-run homer, leading Alexi Ogando and the Texas Rangers over Oakland.

Ogando (4-2) didn't allow a hit until Eric Sogard's leadoff double in the sixth inning.

Lance Berkman hit a two-run single and Adrian Beltre added an RBI single a day after hitting a 10th-inning home run as the Rangers won their first series in Oakland since Sept. 20-22, 2011.

Astros 7, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Brandon Barnes caught Miguel Cabrera's bases-loaded drive against the wall in right-center field for the final out, and the Houston Astros avoided a season sweep against the Detroit Tigers.

Carlos Corporan hit a tie-breaking double in the top of the ninth for the Astros, who lost their first six meetings with the Tigers by a combined 50-12.

White Sox 9, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Adam Dunn homered twice, doubled and drove in five runs, powering the Chicago White Sox past Minnesota.

Dunn hit a pair of two-run shots for his 35th career multihomer game. He's hit three home runs in the last two games and has nine this year.

Royals 9, Angels 5

In Anaheim, Calif., Lorenzo Cain hit a three-run double and Billy Butler capped his most productive series of the season with a two-run single, leading Kansas City over Los Angeles.

Wade Davis (3-3) was charged with four runs and nine hits over 5 1-3 innings in the rubber game of the series.

Padres 8, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Alexi Amarista homered and doubled twice as the San Diego Padres matched their season-high with 17 hits, beating Baltimore for a two-game sweep.

Everth Cabrera had four hits and a walk, and Jedd Gyorko had three singles for the Padres, who are 13-6 after a 5-15 start.

Blue Jays 11, Giants 3

In Toronto, J.P. Arencibia and Adam Lind each hit two-run home runs, Ramon Ortiz won for the first time since 2011 and the Toronto Blue Jays won their season-high fourth straight game, beating the San Francisco Giants.

Ortiz (1-1) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings for his first win since beating the Mets in a relief appearance with the Cubs on Sept. 11, 2011. He had not won as a starter since pitching for Minnesota in April 2007.

Reds 4, Marlins 0

In Miami, Shin-Soo Choo hit two homers and four pitchers combined on an 11-hit shutout Wednesday night to help the Cincinnati Reds extend their winning streak to a season-best five games by beating Miami 4-0.

Choo hit solo homers in the fourth and sixth inning, giving him nine this season. The multihomer game was his second in eight days and ninth of his career.

Pirates 3, Brewers 1

In Pittsburgh, Wandy Rodriguez allowed one run over seven strong innings and Neil Walker hit a two-run single as the Pirates beat the Brewers.

Rodriguez (4-2) gave up six hits, walking one and striking out five. Jason Grilli worked the ninth for his National League-leading 16th save as the Pirates moved six games above .500 for the first time this season.

Walker, playing his third game since returning from a stint on the disabled list with a hand injury, lined a single to center with one out in the sixth off Yovani Gallardo for his first RBIs in nearly a month.

Diamondbacks 5, Braves 3

In Phoenix, Paul Goldschmidt hit three doubles, Eric Chavez drove in three runs and the Diamondbacks beat Tim Hudson and the Braves.

Cody Ross added an RBI double as the Diamondbacks won the final two games of the series after a 10-1 loss in the opener.

Hudson (4-3) had been 7-0 in nine career starts against Arizona before he got tagged. He allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings—he's given up 11 runs over 8 2-3 innings in his last two starts.

Cubs 6, Rockies 3

In Chicago, Jeff Samardzija hit a two-run home run and pitched eight strong innings for his first win since opening day and the Cubs beat the Rockies.

David DeJesus led off the first inning with a home run and Anthony Rizzo had two hits for the Cubs, who won back-to-back series for the first time this season.

Reid Brignac hit a pinch-hit homer for the Rockies, who finished a 2-4 road trip.

Cardinals 4, Mets 2

In St. Louis, rookie Shelby Miller followed up his nearly perfect one-hitter with 5 2-3 scoreless innings and the Cardinals scored the go-ahead run in the seventh on a wild pitch in a victory over the Mets.

Rick Ankiel's two-run homer off rookie Seth Maness (3-0) tied it in the top of the seventh and was his first against the team that converted the former left-handed pitcher to an outfielder in 2005.

Shaun Marcum (0-4) made it out of the fifth for the first time in four starts since beginning the year on the 15-day disabled list.

Dodgers 3, Nationals 1

In Los Angeles, Zack Greinke pitched 5 1-3 strong innings in his first start since April 11 and the Dodgers beat the Nationals.

Greinke came off the disabled list earlier in the day, returning three weeks sooner than expected from a broken left clavicle after a confrontation with San Diego's Carlos Quentin last month.

The right-hander was expected to be out eight weeks. He underwent surgery on April 13 to fix the injury with a metal plate used to stabilize the break.

Indians 10, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Jason Kipnis hit a three-run homer, Nick Swisher and Mike Aviles also went deep to back Corey Kluber, and the Indians beat the Phillies.

Corey Kluber (3-2) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He rebounded nicely after allowing eight runs in 4 2-3 innings against Detroit in his previous start.

A day after rookie Jonathan Pettibone held the Indians in check, Cole Hamels got roughed up by one of the league's highest-scoring offenses. Cleveland had been in a slight funk, scoring just seven runs in its previous four games.

Hamels (1-6) allowed five runs and six hits in five innings. The three-time All-Star and 2008 World Series MVP has a 4.61 ERA, and the Phillies are 1-8 in his starts. Hamels had six straight quality starts before this one, with a 2.41 ERA in that span.

Flip Top notches third victory in DLX caging

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
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REPORTER

Flip Top saved its best for last to beat the San Roque Bandits, 96-84, in the second game in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Down by 8 points at the end of the third, 62-70, Flip Top (3-1) scored 34 markers in the fourth canto and limited San Roque to 14 to eke out a come-from-behind win and move up to second place in Bracket A behind the undefeated Adobo (5-0).

Emerson Feria led Flip Top's rally, drilling 13 points in the final canto. Four other Flip Top players added at least two baskets each to hand San Roque its second loss in four games.

San Roque, which played with only six players, kept pace with the young Flip Top crew in the first half, forcing a standoff at halftime, 40-all. The Bandits then surprised their much younger foes at the start of the second half, exploding for 30 points to grab the driver's seat. Arnold Capuli hit three triples, while Robert Guiang nailed 13 markers in the third-quarter assault.

However, fatigue took its toll on the shorthanded San Roque in the fourth quarter, while Flip Top's young guns pushed up the tempo of the game en route to the 12-point win.

Feria top-scored for Flip Top with his 21 points, while Kevin De Leon and Nevin Salem added 16 and 12, respectively.

Sexy Boys 69, GHD 63

In the first half, Ralph Francisco fired 26 points to power the Sexy Boys to the 6-point win over GHD.

The Sexy Boys improved to a 3-1 record for a share of second place in Bracket B with Freestyle. GHD fell to an even 2-2 record, as it failed to keep its offense going after being held to 10 points in the opening canto, which ended with the Sexy Boys ahead by 7 behind the 6 markers of Herbert Maranan.

Francisco was limited to 2 points in the opening frame, but began hitting his mark in the second period, drilling 12 to keep the Sexy Boys on top at the break, 36-28. He still led the Sexy Boys'offense in the second half for the team's third win.

First Game

Sexy Boys 69 – Francisco 29, Manglona 12, Maranan 7, Rosario 5, Sablan 4, Esteves 4, Tinio 3, Caro 2.

GHD 63 – Villanueva 15, Bahillo 14, Javier 12, Bautista 7, Ajoste 6, Mostales 2.

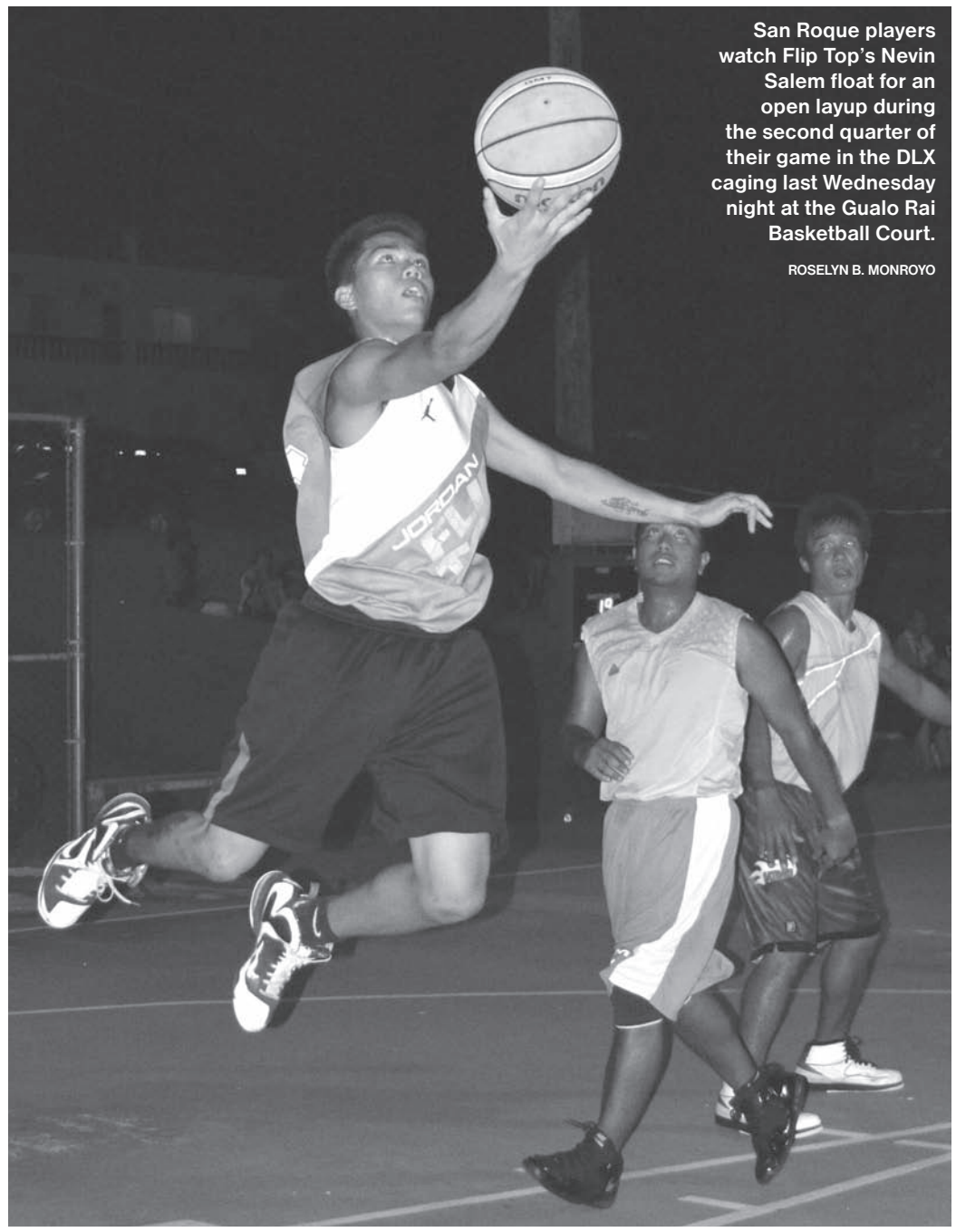
Scoring by quarters: 17-10, 36-28, 50-47, 69-63.

Second Game

Flip Top 96 – Feria 21, De Leon 16, Salem 12, Namelo 8, Pena 7, Fleming 7, Cabaltica 6, Hockett 4, Maratita 4, Toribio 4, Isip 3.

San Roque 84 – Guiang 33, Capuli 16, Gapor 12, Pineda 11, Delos Reyes 11.

Scoring by quarters: 23-14, 40-40, 62-70, 96-84.



San Roque players watch Flip Top's Nevin Salem float for an open layup during the second quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Shirley's FC to hold appreciation party

Shirley's Football Club is inviting all their coaches, players, and their always supportive parents to take part in an appreciation party set tomorrow, May 18, starting 9:30am at the back of the Aquarius Beach Hotel in Susupe.

As part of the occasion and Shirley's Coffee Shop's continuing commitment to the environment, Shriley's FC will first be having a beach cleanup at the restaurant's adopted beach, which is at the back of Aquarius Beach Hotel.

Aside from good food, Shirley's FC will also be preparing games for all the children attending the appreciation party. ***(PR)***

BARNES

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product of lots of years of research, travel, and debates.

"I did the book for two reasons. One, there is really no concerted database of sports records and sports data in Micronesia. Two, more and more of the sports legends are passing and they need to have their accomplishments written down so everyone can be aware of their contributions to Micronesian sports in general. In 1987, the great Tony Towai of Palau passed away after being hit by a car in Koror, Palau. It was then I began to formulate ideas on how to construct this book," Barnes said.

It took Barnes more than two years to create the book, as he traveled around Micronesia, talking to the legends themselves and those who knew them or relatives of those who had already passed away.

"I found there are barely any historical data available for research. They are mostly what have been handed down through the generations by word of mouth, which over time can become distorted and exaggerated information," the CNMI Hall of Famer said.

The former Northern Marianas Athletics head added selecting who should be on the book was the toughest challenge.

"The hardest part was weeding through the nominations and coming up with clear-cut list of individuals who could be called legendary. I found that everyone wanted to be in the book, even if they were not athletes or athletically inclined. Lots of discussions with individuals and groups of knowledgeable people went into the research of this book," Barnes said.

Despite these obstacles, Barnes said he never thought of scrapping the book, which contain surprises, as the author tracked down athletes several may have unheard off and discover pictures at hidden treasures

"I never let the lack of photos or records dictate this book. I was very fortunate that many Peace Corps Volunteers who lived in Micronesia in the late 1960s still had some colored photos from the Micronesian Games in 1969. The contents of the book was built from there," Barnes said.

"I found out that very few people know anything about Micronesia and individual islands sports from the '60s. No one in Guam has ever heard of Nancy Pangelinan who is legendary in fast-pitch softball and volleyball. She is listed in Guam's Master of the Millennium. She also played softball here on Saipan in the late '60s, so I knew her and also knew that she belonged in the book," he added.

The author admitted some may not agree with the selection, but he is open to these criticisms.

"Is it 100 percent accurate? Maybe not. Not everyone will agree with 100 percent of the names of the legends inside the covers. However, most everyone will agree to about 90 percent of the legends. Ten percent of the names may be debatable. That's great, getting a dialog started so that accuracy can be verified," Barnes said.

He is inviting athletes and their relatives to attend the launching, as the book will be sold on a discounted price, from $25 to only $20.

"Enjoy the pictures of your heritage. Also, appreciate the facilities that you have today as athletes from the '60s and '70s did not have the same luxury," Barnes said.

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teaming up with Alexa Vergara, Sharmaine Alarzar, and Mikayla Lopez.

In the field events, Abrams prevailed in the long jump (4.24m) and high jump (1.35m), while Tinian's Darshae Camacho reigned supreme in the shotput (7.25m), discus (20.16m), and javelin (25.70m).

In the boys U18 division, John Santy swept the 60m (6.89 seconds), 100m (11.41 seconds), 200m (24.18 seconds), and 400m (57.65 seconds) to anchor MHS' victory over Hopwood (79), Tinian (54), ACS (50), Saipan International School (36), Saipan Southern High School (24), and Tinian Junior High School (4).

Michael Mancao added two more first place finishes in individual events for MHS, winning the 1,500m (4:55.80) and 800m (2:10.36). He then joined forces with Santy, Leo Blas, and Jun Litulimar to top the 4x100m relay race with their 47.32 seconds. Mancao also helped MHS win the 4x400m relay with Vicente Manibusan, Leo Blas, and Charles Bautista.

In the field events, MHS' Kevin Tudela ruled the discus (31.34m) and shot put (11.58m); ACS' Thanyakorn Konkoed (5.39m) prevailed in long jump; and Tinian's Jeff Dela Cruz won the javelin throw (40.10m).

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"I was only a beginner on that tournament years prior that is why a lot of my colleagues were surprised I became a champion so quickly."

Edgar left Saipan 2007 and is currently working in a homecare facility in California.

"I miss all my friends and teammates and colleagues in bowling and the good places on Saipan. I also miss living a simple island life," he said.

Like Robert, Edgar learned to play the sport on Saipan after making the island his second home after growing up in the Philippines.

"I saw my brother do well in bowling. He eventually won a lot of championships and that drove me to also pick up bowling and try and get the same achievement he was having."

Edgar, who won the May Masters tournament on Saipan prior to relocating to the mainland in 2007, said Saipan and the CNMI will always remain close to his heart.

"I want to thank all my friends and supporters on Saipan specially my brother Robert Talavera and his wife, my sister Merly Talavera and her husband, Ramil Lacap, and family for believing in me, and to all my former co-workers at Hafadai Beach Hotel and Fiesta Resort an Spa. A big shout out to all the staff at the Saipan Bowling Center and thank you for the good memories!" he said. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	15	.625	_
Baltimore	23	17	.575	2
Boston	23	17	.575	2
Tampa Bay	20	19	.513	4 1/2
Toronto	17	24	.415	8 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	22	16	.579	_
Cleveland	22	17	.564	1/2
Kansas City	20	17	.541	1 1/2
Minnesota	18	19	.486	3 1/2
Chicago	17	21	.447	5

West Division

Texas	26	14	.650	_
Oakland	20	22	.476	7
Seattle	19	21	.475	7
Los Angeles	15	25	.375	11
Houston	11	30	.268	15 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	22	18	.550	_
Washington	21	19	.525	1
Philadelphia	19	22	.463	3 1/2
New York	14	23	.378	6 1/2
Miami	11	29	.275	11

Central Division

St. Louis	26	13	.667	_
Cincinnati	24	16	.600	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	23	17	.575	3 1/2
Chicago	17	23	.425	9 1/2
Milwaukee	16	22	.421	9 1/2

West Division

San Francisco	23	17	.575	_
Arizona	23	18	.561	1/2
Colorado	21	19	.525	2
San Diego	18	21	.462	4 1/2
Los Angeles	17	22	.436	5 1/2

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Shirley's hands Dollar Days first loss

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There is no more unbeaten team in the Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League, as Shirley's survived Dollar Days, 93-89, in a heated game last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's snapped Dollar Days' three-game winning streak and in return stretched its run to four to force a tie for first place with Mobil (4-1). Shirley's pulled off an upset over the erstwhile leader after finding answers to every Dollar Days' rally and getting a break in the closing seconds of the tight match.

Dollar Days was slapped with a technical foul in the final 22 seconds of the fourth quarter with Shirley's ahead by only a deuce, 91-89, after fielding five players who were not employees of the team. League rules call for at least one employee from the company/team be at the court at all times. Dollar Days had Demapan, Wowie Abuel, Brandon Talania, Ivan Devero, and Jawn Joyner, who replaced the fouled out Kae Bernardo at the 1:48 mark.

Shirley's Rommel Usi pulls up for a running jumper during the third quarter of their game against Dollar Days in the Shirley's caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.
ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Dollar Days argued that the committee should have informed the team earlier. However, referee Arnold Mesa said league rules state that each squad is responsible for monitoring its roster and the offense was not called, as Shirley's did not complain earlier. Shirley's caught the violation just when it needed it the most, as it regained possession and was given two charities.

J.R. Barrios split his free throws and Erick Dela Rosa added one more after Dollar Days was forced to commit a foul, upping Shirley's lead to 4, 93-89. Demapan then missed two shots in the paint in the ensuing plays to end Dollar Days' streak.

Dollar Days fell short in overcoming an 11-point deficit at the start of the fourth quarter, as every time it closed in, Shirley's bit back.

A 9-0 run in the first two minutes of the fourth canto sliced the deficit to two, 71-73, however Errol Peredo answered with an and-1 play to widen the gap. Dollar Days continued to move within one basket, but Barrios answered with a jumper, while Rommel Usi and Dennis Vinas hit back-to-back treys to keep their team in the lead.

Peredo also hit a big triple in the last two minutes to give Shirley's enough cushion, 90-84. Peredo's triple came after Dela Rosa made a split off Bernardo's unsportsmanlike foul. Bernardo and Dela Rosa had been jockeying for position since the third canto and the heated confrontation finally boiled over in the final two minutes with the former called for two quick fouls.

Kalayaan, 87, Marianas Resort 86

In the first game, Kalayaan, Inc. also pulled off a close win over Mariana Resort.

Juan Camacho scored only 9 points, but drilled 3 of them in the closing minutes, including a free throw to help Kalayaan return to the win column after dropping three straight matches.

Lerio Pagarao also keyed Kalayaan's win, firing 10 of their 21 markers in the fourth canto, which started with Mariana Resort ahead, 70-65. A 30-point output in the third canto put Mariana Resort in the lead before Kalayaan recovered in the fourth and stole the win.

First Game

Kalayaan, Inc. 87 – Pagarao 30, Herrera 18, Lerio 10, Camacho 9, Rejano 5, Roy Hernandez 4, Caro 2, Tibayan 2, Rog. Hernandez 2.

Marianas Resort 86 – Barbo 28, Galarse 13, Gatdula 11, Abuy 11, Aquino 9, Camacho 7.

Scoring by quarters: 24-27, 51-41, 65-71, 87-86.

Second Game

Shirley's 93 – Vinas 19, Dela Rosa 16, Peredo 16, Barrios 14, Usi 13, Montes 8, Metran 4, Yap 4.

Dollar Days 89 – I. Devero 27, Talania 19, Demapan 16, Bernardo 10, Joyner 5, Abuel 3, Pantaleon 3, C. Devero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-23,

16 complete NMIFA Elite Academy

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association opened its National Elite Academy with 16 players completing Cycle 1 of the inaugural program early this month.

NEA, which is the brainchild of AFC B license holder and NMIFA technical director Johann Noetzel, is designed to speed up the development of top local talent at the national level with the help of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) licensed coaches. The academy holds training cycles (3), with each cycle lasting for 12 weeks and players attending a once a week session at the TSL Sports Complex.

"This is a feeder program for the youth National Teams. If we can get the young players ages 6-12 years old motivated and playing in an organized system while understanding style of play, eventually the CNMI will develop a high standard of football and style best suited to take advantage of its strengths while maximizing the talent and resources available to us here," said Noetzel, who headed Cycle 1 and is assisted by AFC C License coaches Rusell Zapanta and Patricia Coleman.

Completing Cycle 1, which started on Feb. 13 and ended on May 8, were siblings Catherine and Tony Atalig, Angelo Bergancia, Leandro Bicayda, John Ezekiel and John Guiller Canape, Jerlyn Castillo, Katrina Costales, Spencer Dickinson, Kohtaro Goto, Mark Anthony Maestro, Blake Mister, Ritaro Miyawaki, Matt Moran, John Robert Tam, and Robbie Schorr.

"The group consistently showed up every Wednesday and improved their skills focusing on ball mastery for the 12 weeks. Trainings began with a warm-up session and then with technical training with focus on one fundamental theme weekly, followed by small-sided games," Noetzel said.

The NMIFA technical director added players in Cycle 1 showed significant improvements throughout the training sessions, as they exhibited proper passing with both feet, proper dribbling form, and a few ball skills moves, like the pull-back move.

"I'm very proud of this group. From a coaching perspective, the end is invariably the best part, seeing the young players respond to the coaching from the prior cycle. Watching them play with a little more calm and confidence, and even executing a new move to perfection. There is still a lot of work to do but these kids are definitely absorbing sound football fundamentals. It's also good to see coaches Rusell and Patty improving as well, they were great," Noetzel said.

The 16 players tried out for slots on Cycle 1 and are expected to aim for another spot in the elite program's Cycle 2, which will start on June 12 at 4pm at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Interested clubs and their players are requested to contact NMIFA office at the TSL Plaza for reservation of tryout slots.

"We would like to formally thank Saipan Soccer School and its administrative assistant, Angie Mae Ito for the coordination and use of the futsal court at the gym where all trainings were held," Noetzel said.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Coach Johann Noetzel, standing right, and assistant coach Ruselle Zapanta, standing left, pose with the participants of Cycle 1 of NMIFA National Elite Academy early this month at the TSL Sports Complex.

Sablan is MGA April Ace

John Henry Sablan shot a net 66 to top the Marianas Golf Association April Ace of the Month Tournament held last April 28 at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Sablan bested a field of 36 golf enthusiasts after shooting a 41 in the front and 49 that gave him a gross score of 90. Minus his 24 handicap, Sablan carded the score to beat in the April tourney.

Sablan

Geri Dela Cruz actually finished tied with Sablan, but since he already won last February he was not eligible for the April ace.

For the record, Dela Cruz shot identical 47s in the front and back for a gross score of 94 and with his handicap wound up with double sixes

Third place went to Greg "Tame" Sablan Jr. who shot a 45 in the front and a 46 in the back for a gross score of 91.

With a handicap of 21, Sablan Jr. netted a score of 70. Fourth place went to Mitch Ladore who shot a 43 in the front and 42 in the back for a gross score of 85, with a handicap of 14, netted a score 71.

Tying Ladore with a net score of 71 was Seung Soo Kang, who bagged fifth despite teeing off from the championship tee with a handicap of +2. He shot a gross of 76, with a net score of 71.

In the closest to the pin competition, Dela Cruz won in hole No. 3, Ladore won in hole No. 7, April winner Sablan won in hole No. 12, and Jay Muna won in hole No. 15.

Of the 36 individuals that participated in the club's April tournament, four teed off from the championship tee, 20 from the men's white tee, and seven women off the red tee.

MGA tournaments are played with a handicap system where players with a handicap of 10 and under tee off from the championship tee (blue tee), those with a handicap of 11 and above tee off from the men's white tee,

Women participants, meanwhile, tee off from the red tee. MGA takes pride in their handicap system, as most other organizations do not utilize the championship tee during their ace of the month tournaments. To compensate members who teed off from the championship tee, a +2 handicap is added to their standing for a competitive tournament.

For more information on this organization and for further updates on our upcoming tournaments, contact J.J. Atalig at 285-4115, Greg Sablan Jr. at 483-8263, or email marianasgolf670@gmail.com. The public can also view the organization's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/MarianasGolfAssociation. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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MHS keeps winning tradition

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Third of a series

Favorite Marianas High School lived up to expectations, topping its division in last week's 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships held at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The Dolphins, who have been dominating the annual event for the past few years, earned 231 points in the girls division and 157 in the boys category to run away with a sweep of the high school titles.

MHS got points from all the running and field events in the girls U18 division, collecting 61 markers from the 100m and 200m runs, 28 in the 60m, 27 in the long jump, 23 in the 40m, 18 in high jump, 14 in javelin, 10 each in the 1,500m and 3,00m and the two relays, 6 in shot put, and 4 in discus to lead by more than 100 points against runner-up Tinian High School (93 points). Agape Christian School came in at third with its 43 points, followed by Tinian Junior High School (11).

Rachel Abrams led the Lady Dolphins' domination in the three-day competition, as she topped the 60m (8.06 seconds), 100m (13 seconds), 200m (29.50 seconds), and 400m (1:09.04) and teamed up with Joy Pena, Zarinae Sapong, and Rejalla Ichiuo in winning the 4x100m relay (56.89 seconds) against Tinian and ACS.

Also giving MHS first place finishes was Gabrielle Race, who ruled the 1,500m (5:51.64), 800m (2:54.17), and 3000m (12:39.07). Race also joined MHS' gold medal 4x400m relay squad (5:03.68),

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Marianas High School runners are flanked by runner-up Tinian High School and third placer Agape Christian School during the awards ceremony for the 4x100m relay event in the 2013 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships held last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.
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Another Talavera rolls 300

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Former Saipan resident Edgar Talavera shows off his 300 perfect game ring. The brother of six-time perfect gamer, Robert, rolled his own 300 last Sept. 27 in California.

Edgar Talavera rolled 12 straights strikes en route to registering his first-ever official 300 game last Sept. 27.

The older brother of six-time perfect bowler Robert, Edgar rolled his perfect game in the California Thursday League at the Lake Forest Bowl.

Prior to his official perfect game, Edgar actually accomplished every kegler's dream seven times—four in Florida and three in California albeit all during company fun games.

"Initially I felt a little bit nervous but I stayed focus on my target spot on the game," the former Hafadai Beach Hotel and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan staff said when asked how he felt after his perfect game.

Edgar said he's glad that all his hard work in the bowling lanes has paid off. He also admits that brother and his string of perfect games always gives him inspiration to strive harder and do better.

"I always remember everything he taught me. He is a good coach and brother to me," he said.

Aside from his 300 game, Edgar also was hailed champion of ABTA Bowling Tournaments twice. He also finished second in a beginner's division of the same tournament prior to ascending to the expert level.

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Barnes to launch *Sports Legends of Micronesia*

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Kurt Barnes, seventh from left, is joined by CNMI sports legends during the NMASA Sports Banquet early this year at Kanoa Resort.

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CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Kurt Barnes will be launching a book on who's who in Micronesia sports on May 22 at the amphitheater of the American Memorial Park.

Titled as "Sports Legends of Micronesia," the book is a first of its kind, as Barnes gathered notable athletes and officials from the region from 1966 to 2012 and backed up their claim to fame with statistics and some never before published pictures at their prime.

The launching will be held from 6pm to 8pm with Barnes also signing the book that was inspired by the passing of Palau's Tony Towai and was a

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